Armstrong To Speak

Middlebury College will confer honorary degrees on a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, an ambassador, a distinguished surgeon and its president emeritus at the annual Commencement on Sunday, May 29.

Dr. James I. Armstrong, president of Middlebury from 1963 to 1975, will deliver the commencement address and will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the liberal arts college.

Distinguished Middlebury graduates who will also be awarded honorary degrees are Walter Mears, Pulitzer Prize winning special correspondent for the Associated Press, Doctor of Letters; Charles A. James, U.S. Ambassador to Niger, Doctor of Laws, and Dr. Stewart Ross, a Rutland, Vt. surgeon and trustee emeritus of the College, Doctor of Science. They will join nearly 400 undergraduates who will receive bachelor's degrees in outdoor ceremonies 10 a.m. Sunday behind Forest Hall.

Armstrong, now president of the Charles A. Dana Foundation in Greenwich, Conn., presided over several years of growth at Middlebury. During his presidency 16 buildings, including centers for language study, science and art, were constructed or acquired, endowment tripled and the size of the student body increased by 39 per cent, the faculty by 41 per cent.

Middlebury's president emeritus holds bachelor's and doctoral degrees from Princeton and honorary degrees from several institutions including his alma mater. He taught classics at Princeton from 1947 until assuming the presidency at Middlebury except for two years at Indiana University and service in the U.S. Army.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, he has also been recognized with awards from the Woodrow Wilson and Danforth Foundations and the American Academy of Rome.

A 1956 Middlebury graduate, Mears is chief political correspondent for the Associated Press. He was assigned to the Boston Bureau of AP following his graduation. His first political coverage came with his appointment as statehouse reporter in Montpelier, Vt. in 1956. Five years later he went to Washington to begin covering presidential elections.

Mears, a Virginia resident was recently featured in a Wall Street Journal story on the press corps that covered President Carter's campaign. His sharp judgment and ability to assess political events were noted in Timothy Crouse's book on 1972 campaign coverage, **The Boys on the Bus**.

James, a 1949 Middlebury graduate, is a native of Washington, D.C. He holds a law degree from Yale, practiced law in California and served as assistant attorney general in that state.

He was sworn in as Ambassador to Niger last fall after 13 years in government service. He has held Peace Corps ad-

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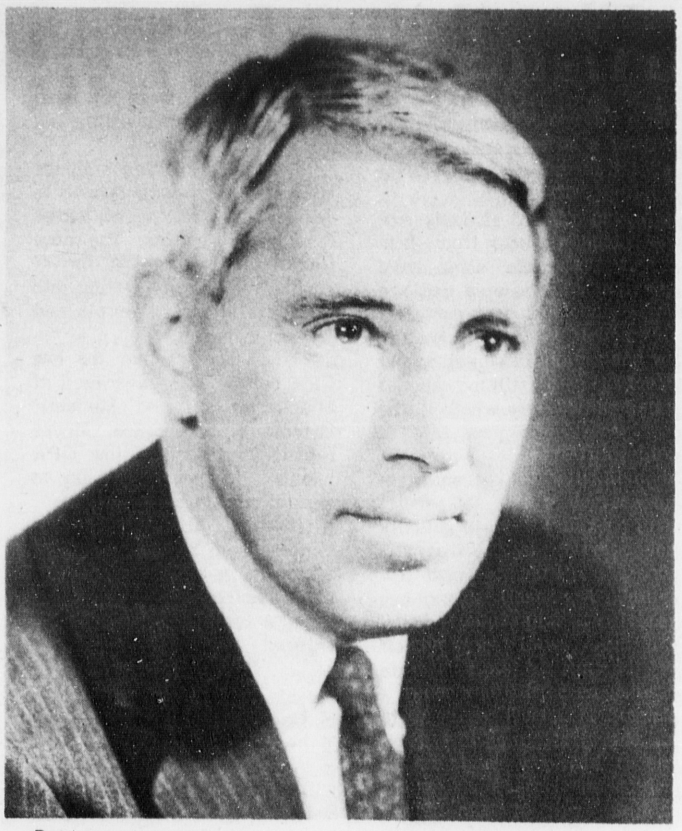

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Forum Election Reform Is Proposed

By MARK CORSEY

"I feel the leader of the student body should be the chosen representative of all the students. The process of selecting both representatives and a leader for Student Forum has to be highly visible so students will develop an interest in, and awareness of, the Forum, and maintain an on-going concern with its activities."

Those were two of the reasons cited by Bob Carolla, '78, for designing a proposal that would, if adopted by Student Forum, change the format of Forum chairmanship elections. Carolla has been elected History Department Representative to Forum for the 1977-78 school year, and is currently the outgoing Editor-in-chief of **The Campus.**

The proposal was discussed at the Forum's May 1 meeting, and will probably be voted on by the new Forum on May 8.

"I've had the basic idea for the proposal for about two years now as result of my contact with Forum through my work with **The Campus**," Carolla said. "Several weeks ago during the student petition campaign (concerning the block room draw and meal plan rebate situations) I spoke with a number of the people I was working with on the petition, and there seemed to me to be a definite feeling that Forum was in need of some reform. There was a feeling that Forum ought to be more representative of the students. I think the school-wide election of Forum leaders that the proposal calls for is a democratic and meaningful way of achieving that."

Carolla's proposal would call for four basic changes in the election of Forum officers. The first change would convert the titles of Forum Chairman and Vice-Chairman to President and Vice-President.

"The title change is essentially a symbolic one," Carolla explained. "The title of chairman, to me, suggests an individual who presides over a meeting and over one particular body. It doesn't seem the proper title for the spokesman of the entire student body of the college."

The second part of the proposal would call for Forum to elect an acting President and Vice-President, rather than permanent officers, at the Forum meeting on May 8th.

The May 8th meeting will be the first for the Forum elected during registration on May 7th, and will be the final Forum meeting of the school year. The elections of permanent officers normally takes place at this meeting.

Carolla's proposal would call for the acting officers to handle business matters until a schoolwide election could be held in the fall. The election would take place within three weeks of school opening and would be organized by the acting President and Vice-President, according to the proposal.

"The success of this section of the proposal is conditional on the election being made a meaningful one to the student body," Carolla said. "The election would have to involve more than candidates posting their resumes on Proctor Bulletin Board. I would hope and recommend that the media of WRMC-FM and **The Campus** be fully utilized for an election campaign."

Carolla also suggested meetings between candidates and students on a departmental or class level could be helpful.

The third section of the proposal would require that any candidates for Forum President be Forum members, and that all candidates receive nominations from two other Forum members, one of whom would be from a class other than the candidate's. Carolla said he felt these were not necessary qualifications but that they might be helpful in guaranteeing "a proven commitment (to the Forum) from the candidates."

Part four of the proposal would call for Forum to establish a committee to draw up guidelines for all future elections of President and Vice-President so they could take place in the spring and not disrupt the normal fall functions of the Forum.

Current Forum Chairman Lucy Newell said that she thought instituting some type of change in the format of Forum officer elections might be a good idea. She added that she felt Carolla's proposal had several valuable points. But she said she felt it was probably too late to institute the proposal this year.

"I have a feeling most of the people in Forum will want to keep things the way they are for this year, mainly for the sake of efficiency," Newell said. "If elections for permanent Chairman and Vice-Chairman are put off until fall other Forum business, like Freshman elections and appointing students to councils and committees, will have to be delayed as well. That could cause problems."

Newell also noted that the positions of Treasurer and Secretary cannot be permanently filled until a permanent Chairman takes office. She said she felt the summer months give the Forum Chairman a good opportunity to plan ahead for his duties in the coming year.

Carolla said he has taken into consideration the fact that it is late in the school year to be presenting his proposal to Forum. "I was a bit hesitant to make the proposal this late in the year," he said. "I realize people don't like to have to start discussing anything of a controversial nature at this point."

"Several Forum members who I've spoken to have been generally receptive to the proposal," he continued. I'm just not certain how good the chances are of getting it instituted this year. I can understand, to an extent, people feeling it's too late in the year to consider the idea. But I feel that if there's a basic agreement on the principle to hold a fully democratic election, people should bend over backward to adopt the proposal now, particularly in light of the fact that the election of permanent officers would take place first thing in the fall."

"I regret that I wasn't able to come forth with the proposal sooner," Carolla said. "I think it would have made a good issue for the current candidates to address themselves to. Students who feel strongly about the idea of a schoolwide election might want to discuss it with candidates to hear what they have to say about it."

Carolla said if the proposal is not successful this year he will make a strong effort to have it adopted in the fall.

"I believe the changes are needed and justified," he said.

Commager Lecture Is Tonight

Distinguished historian, author and educator, Dr. Henry Steele Commanger, will deliver the Charles S. Grant Memorial Lecture tonight, Wednesday, May 4 in Dana Auditorium.

Professor emeritus of American History at Amherst College and prize winning author of several books of the American nation, Commanger will lecture on "How Did Democracy In America Turn Out?"

The guest speaker's appearance at Middlebury is sponsored by the History Department under its Charles S.Grant Fund, established in 1966 to create an annual lectureship, featuring distinguished historians in memory of the late Middlebury professor who died on 1961.

Commager received his bachelors, masters and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Chicago and began his teaching career at N.Y.U. in 1929. He also taught at Columbia, Cambridge, Oxford, Brandeis and the University of Copenhagen before joining the Amherst faculty in 1956. He also has server as lecturer or visiting professor at several U.S. universities as well as in Germany, France, England, Jerusalem and Mexico.

Commager has received several honors including the Order of Dannebrog, the Herbert B. Adams Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and a gold medal for history from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Commager is the author and co—author of numerous books on historical subjects. He is currently at work on the multi—volume "The Rise of the American Nation."

Forum Candidate Resumes Inside

Flexibility Is Important For Graduate Study

By JOHN CRAWFORD

Early May is traditionally the time of year when seniors begin to receive replies from graduate schools.

Although many students are still waiting to hear from their respective schools, some have already been accepted and are making plans for next year.

According to Dr. Walter Moyer, of Career Counseling and Placement, it is still too early to predict accurately whether this will be a good year for admissions.

Recently,it has become increasingly difficult to predict how many students will actually attend graduate schools from any given class. "In the past few years," Moyer stated, "there has been a tendency on the students' part to take a year or two off before going on to graduate school."

"With the job market as tight as it is, many students want to see what degrees are marketable before investing time and money into a graduate school. To get a really accurate estimate, we usually have to wait three or four years after graduation," he explained.

Lately, the trend has been to have 50% of the graduating class to go on to graduate schools and 50% go directly into jobs. This is only an estimate, however, since about only 60% of College alumni stay in contact with the college.

What the remaining 40% do remains unknown since they do not return questionnaires sent to them.

For those who did apply to graduate schools this year, business schools were the most popular, closely followed by law and medical schools.

"I try to encourage students interested in graduate schools to develop a program which leaves them several options. The more flexible you are, the better chance you have of getting into graduate schools," explained Moyer.

When asked whether the low GPA (grade point average) at Middlebury affected students' chances of acceptance, Moyer replied, "no doubt a low GPA makes it tougher but we try to explain our situation."

Although Middlebury has experienced some grade inflation, it has not experienced as much as other schools. While a 3.2 on a four point scale is considered average for most colleges, it is above the mean for Middlebury.

"I think most graduate schools know us well enough to make adjustments for our low GPA. The students who are hurt most by the low GPA are those who apply to schools outside the Northeast," remarked Moyer. "For these schools which are less familiar with Middlebury," he added, "we try to explain the grade situation by letter."

Several seniors have decided not to attend schools to which they have been accepted. Michael Blount '77 who was accepted to the University of Michigan's MPA (Masters in Public Administration) program chose instead to accept an offer from an accounting firm in New York City.

"I was hesitant to go to Michigan because I wasn't sure my skills would be marketable in the future. I was afraid the job market might crash as it did a couple of years ago," explained Blount. "When the Pete Marwick Accounting Firm offered to pay my way for futher schooling with a starting salary of $12,000 " he added, "I couldn't pass it up."

According to Blount, his biggest asset was his previous work experience in Washington where he served an internship with Congressman Paul McCloskey (R-Ca). "The Placement Office was also very helpful in finding a job. The people there were not only concerned with my particular problems but they were also very enjoyable people to work with," said Blount.

Another senior, Katherine Bell, who has been accepted to several schools is planning to earn a PhD. in statistics. "I'm not really worried about becoming overqualified because I think a degree in statistics could open up several possibilities for me. Although statistics deals mainly with math, it can be applied to psychology, medicine or economics."

Bell credited her success of getting into graduate schools to the recommendations she received from members of the Middlebury Faculty.

"The best advice I can think of for undergraduates who are interested in graduate schools," said Bell, "is to get organized early by checking out all available information and sending away for applications while there is still plenty of time left."

Sun Rises On Farm Technology

Legislation to expand the use of solar energy technology on farms was approved unanimously this past week by the U.S. House Agriculture Committee.

The measure, written in part by Representative James M. Jeffords (R-Vt.), was adopted as an amendment to the Omnibus Farm Bill.

The amendment approved by the Committee is identical to a bill developed earlier this year by Jeffords and a small group of other congressmen as part of a comprehensive package of solar energy legislation. It was introduced in Committee by Representative George Brown (D-CA), who had worked with Jeffords in preparing the legislation.

"This legislation is an important part of our solar package,"Jeffords said today, "and now that it is attached to the Omnibus Farm Bill, its chances of becoming law are extremely good."

Jeffords said substantial quantities of traditional fuel resources can be conserved through the use of solar technology by the agricultural sector.

The major provisions of the legislation would:

—Authorize $25 million for research and development by the U.S. Agriculture Department relating to uses of solar energy for farm buildings, farm houses, and farm machinery.

—Authorize the Extension Service to instruct and demonstrate uses of solar energy in farming.

—Authorize Farmers Home Administration to make five-year loans to farmers for solar equipment.

—Authorize $20 million for establishment of demonstration solar systems for farms in each state.

Prior to the vote on the amendment, Jeffords told the committee the legislation is needed because agriculture has become "very energy dependent," and alternative energy resources must be developed as quickly as possible to replace dwindling and increasingly expensive supplies of oil and natural gas.

In his remarks to the committee, Jeffords said demonstration projects are important because farmers are reluctant "to invest in costly new equipment without assurances it will work." The measure complements President Carter's energy package, which has no provisions tailored specifically for farms, Jeffords said.

Stafford Sells Oil Stock

Senator Robert Stafford (R—Vt.), has sold his stock in Exxon and Texaco "to avoid even the appearance of any conflict of interest" during the Congressional effort to design a national energy policy.

Stafford revealed his sale of the oil company stock in his weekly report to Vermont that accompanied his annual public disclosure of his complete financial situation.

The Vermont senator noted that the holdings of his wife and himself in the two oil companies was only about $2,000 , but he said he felt, "I should no longer have any financial interest in an oil company."

"The energy issue is an overriding one for our nation, and the big oil companies have a massive stake in whatever energy policies are designed by the government," Stafford said.

"My small holdings in Exxon and Texaco have never influenced my votes on legislation in the past, and they would not in the future," he said. "However, I think it is important for a member of Congress to avoid even the appearance of any conflict of interest in this field."

Stafford said he doesn't think his action will "bother either one of those (oil) companies a bit, since neither has been pleased with my voting record in the Senate."

Stafford said his financial statement as of April 19th shows that his wife, Helen, and he had net assets of $338,000 on that date. That's an increase of about $6,000 over their net worth a year ago.

The Staffords' joint federal income tax return, also made public in summary form, showed gross income of slightly more than $58,000. Of that total, $44,600 was in the form of Stafford's salary as a senator.

The Staffords' taxable income was $38,200, and they paid $11,175 in federal income taxes and $3,415 in Vermont state income taxes.

Details of the financial statement and summary of the federal income tax return will be printed in the Congressional Record and have also been made avail to newspapers, radio stations and other news services in Vermont.

In 1974, Stafford became the first Vermont elected official to make a complete, public disclosure, which included a complete list of all his holdings, including bank accounts, real and personal property, stocks and bonds, and cash value of life insurance, along with a summary of his federal income tax return.

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Starr Named Food Director

Gary MacDonald Starr, of Acton, Massachusetts has been named Food Services Director at Middlebury College, it was announced last week by college officials.

Starr said he is "pleased with many of the existing systems" here at Middlebury. Although impressed by the cleanliness of food production and distribution here, he does see a need for variety in the College menu and hopes to initiate some experimental changes.

Starr brings with him to Middlebury a background in accounting and hotel administration. In his new post he is responsible for the overall supervision of all dining facilities designed to serve the 1,850 students of the College.

The new Director comes to Middlebury from Laventhol & Horwath, a Boston and Philadelphia certified public accounting firm. Starr has been employed in the Boston office for four years as senior consultant in the Management Advisory Services Department.

A 1970 graduate of the Cornell School of Hotel Administration, Starr joined the Sheraton corporation as a member of the hotel chain's management development program. He held training positions in hotels in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. , serving in a variety of departments.

In 1972 he joined the Sheraton Philadelphia Hotel as personnel director for 350 employees. He later became front office manager, a post he held until April 1973 when he joined Laventhol & Horwath.

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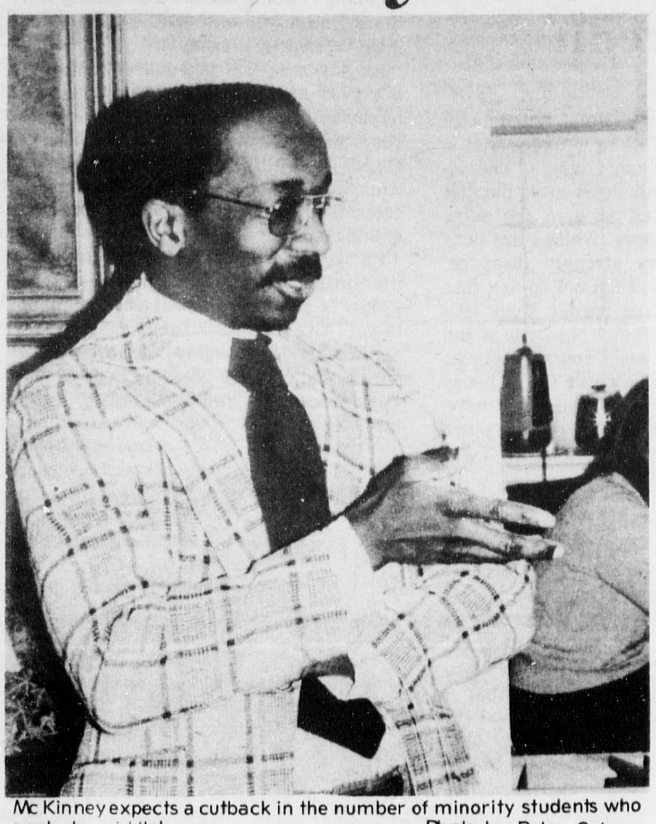

McKinney expects a cutback in the number of minority students who apply to Middlebury. Photo by Peter Culman

By W. DILLER

Associate dean of Students Arnold McKinney said last week that he expects a cutback in the number of minority students who apply to Middlebury. He said, "Middlebury won't ever have more than eighty--and eighty is a high figure."

"There would be no changes made in the college's present policy toward minority student enrollment," McKinney explained. "Rather, students won't be there to find." He emphasized the college's commitment to increasing the number of minority students on campus.

"In 1968, when we started our recruitment drive, there were only 20 minority students on campus. Now there are over 60. And the financial aid alloted specifically to minority--and by minority I mean black and Hispanic--students in the upcoming freshman class is $80,000 for next year."

The College's admission policy encourages minority students. McKinney points out that because there are so few minority students who fit the admission criteria for white students, different standards are used to evaluate them. "Interviews are very important, and recommendations are more important with black students. Basically intelligence is not the prime factor. Gut factor is. We look for people who have enough guts to pick themselves up when they get knocked down."

Students on financial aid must take out a loan. Financially, prospective minority students are inhibited from attending Middlebury, or any independent college by the cost of the loan.

"We offer a good financial aid package," says McKinney. "Some schools require a $1,000 a year loan; we ask for $750. Even so, many would rather attend a state university, where no large loan is required. At some schools you can build a debt of $4,000 in four years." He adds, "And many of them who are career oriented feel they aren't guaranteed a job immediately after a liberal arts education."

Furthermore, McKinney comments, "Small New England colleges such as Middlebury, Amherst, Williams, feel pressure to attract a limited number of available students. Black students would rather be in an urban institution with a black community adjacent to it. Here, the students go from a large, black population to a very small, rural, white population. "It's not easy." He notes that "the music, density of population, social events, are foreign to them. 95% of the blacks at Middlebury aren't interested in skiing. Their dating opportunities are limited. Ultimately it may not make a difference, but it's important. And at times, there can be a great deal of hostility."

The competition among small New England colleges for minority students has led the college to implement several policies. "Middlebury," points out McKinney, "started to stake out recruiting areas several years ago. That is, we have developed some schools we can go to pretty frequently and recruit. We get one or two students a year a..d go back the next year for more."

Many of these schools are located in primary or secondary target areas, that is designated areas in the country with high minority populations. Primary areas include New York City, North New Jersey, Cleveland, Chicago, Boston, Washington, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Hartford-New Haven.

Another solution which was incorporated, was to join the New England Consortium of Black Admissions Counselors. This association who work as a group to recruit minority students. "Middlebury," says McKinney, "is lucky. We've been successful, perhaps more than some other schools in the same situation as us. One reason might be that we bring students here and the students on campus are very receptive. The atmosphere is different here."

Shirley Chisholm To Speak Here

By MARK CORSEY

Shirley Chisholm, the first Black Congresswoman in the United States, who ran for President in 1972, will visit Middlebury College May 9.

Chisholm will give a lecture at 8 p.m. on "The Impoverished American Spirit." Following the lecture an open reception will be held in Coltrane Lounge. Chisholm's visit was arranged by Middlebury's Women's Union and is being co-sponsored by Women's Union and the Black Student Union.

Nancy Hammerman, '77, said the Women's Union was looking forward to Chisholm's visit and hoped it would be well-supported by the college community.

Fred Jenkins '78, organizer of the reception said he feels Chisholm's visit will offer encouragement to both women and Blacks. "Mrs. Chisholm represents some of the advances that have been made in our time by women and blacks," he said. "What she has done shows the American Dream is still possible, particularly when you consider her origin and how far she's had to come to reach where she is today."

Chisholm is the Representative of New York's 91st District, an area whose population is 70% Black and Puerto Rican. She is a native of her district.

Chishom entered politics in 1964 when she ran successfully for the New York State Assembly on the Democratic ticket. She was elected to Congress in an upset in 1968, outdistancing her Republican opponent by nearly a three-to-one margin.

Chisholm is a specialist in early child education and child welfare. She obtained a B.A., cum laude, from Brookly College and earned both an M.A. in education and a diplom in Administration and Supervision from Columbia University. In addition, she has received 15 honorary degrees.

In 1972 Chisholm ran an active campaign for President through the 1972 Democratic National Convention. She received 152 delegate votes for the Dmocratic nomination.

Chishom has published two books. **Unbought and Unbossed**, her autobiography, was published in 1970. **The Good Fight**, the story of Chisholm's campaign for the Presidency, was published in 1973.

FRAT PARTIES

On Saturday, May 7, starting at 2:30 on the field adjoining Slug fraternity, SLUG and DKE will kick off their first annual Springfest.

The celebration will feature a concert by the Bob Colson Blues Band. The band is one of the finest boogie bands in the Northeast, currently on tour with the James Collon Blues Band.

Colson's band has recently backed such groups as the James Montgomery Band, Duke and the Drivers, amd Muddy Waters.

The show will continue later in the evening as Delta Upsilon presents Max Creek, one of Connecticut's finest dance bands.

Combo tickets, which will be available all week, cost only three dollars. Each event individually will cost two dollars.

Seniors Win Awards

Three Middlebury College seniors, who plan independent post-graduate study in Latin America and Europe, have each been awarded $7,000 fellowship grants from The Thomas J. Watson Foundation in support of their work abroad next year.

Among the 70 Watson Fellows selected from 173 national finalists were Amy G. Peck, Alice E. Simon, and Felix I. Batista.

The Watson Foundation program is designed to provide a year of independent study and travel abroad.

Interested in the political and legal status of women in the United States for the past three years, Peck plans to conduct a study of women in politics in the United Kingdom and Sweden.

Planning to pursue a career in law or politics herself, the Middlebury senior intends to begin her project by studying the political situation of English women, which appears to her similar in many respects to that of American women. She will continue her study in Sweden to investigate a society where equality has supposedly been reached.

An English major, Simon plans to use her fellowship to write and study the works of novelists Tarjei Vesaas of Norway and Yasunari Kawabata of Japan, whose works reflect a gift for brevity. She hopes that her own writing may be influenced by some of their strengths.

Simon plans to attend Middlebury's Bread Loaf School of English this summer before leaving for Scandinavia in the fall. The second half of her year will be spent in rural areas of Japan.

Batista hopes to visit the Central and South American countries of Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, Columbia, Chile and Argentina to study attitudes of Latin Americans toward the United States. His main consideration is to determine whether the U.S. has fostered or hindered the prospects for democracy and free enterprise in Latin America through its image, politicies and general economic and political influence as seen by native peasants.

Looking ahead to a possible career in international relations or law, Batista plans to attend Middlebury's Spanish School this summer before leaving on his tour in the fall.

The Cuban native has been attending Middlebury on an Army ROTC scholarship and is an American Studies major.

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Breaking with tradition——and with what's editorially proper——the Editor—in—Chief (soon to be retired— wants to share a few personal, introspective thoughts with the readers of *The Campus*. For many, much of what I'm about to say will perhaps be totally boring (Dullsville). But for a handful, maybe it'll be enlightening. And to those of you who do bother to read all the way through, I say this: I love 'ya.

Once again, I find myself saying good-bye to a newspaper that for a time in my life (my existence) was my home—away—from home. Four years ago, I retired as co—editor of my high school paper (The Tri—Pine Journal, as if it matters) and swore that I'd never write for a newspaper again.

When I became News Editor of *The Campus* last year, I swore I'd never let myself become Editor—in—Chief. But some things are timeless and life moves in circles (Either that, or it's a continuous rerun of a Grade B movie.)

I didn't give up without a fight, though. Old Farquhar had to feed me beers in Washington before I finally said I'd do it. And so I did, complaining and groaning and worrying all the way. I sometimes wonder why we do half the things we do. What motivation lies deep within us? What is this beast named Ambition?

It's been fun, though. *The Campus*, for the people who care, provides a wonderful hectic, kaleidoscope experience. In the past year I've talked with presidential candidates, interviewed bartenders, walked the streets of New Hampshire, rapped with retired radicals of the 1960's, sat telling Freudian jokes at 3:00 a.m., rapped the College President, and met literally hundreds of people whom I would never have known if I hadn't been sucked into this damn old rag.

Most importantly, I've learned how to deal with people——all kinds of people——and to be tolerant. And I've learned about myself. Under pressure, unlike anything you can imagine. A lot worse than even staying up all night to finish a lab in the Science Center or to finish a thesis. I've learned where I'm strong...and where I'm weak. And I'm better for it.

I feel sorry for all the people out there who think that academics provide enough pressure to worry about. Academics aren't the only learning experience that Middlebury has to offer. There's more. And if you're involved only in academics and Mister Up's on weekends——saying screw *The Campus*, WRMC, MCAB, Student Forum, and the hockey team——then you're missing some of the best moments of your lives. You're wasting yourselves.

Through *The Campus*, I've met some of the best people on the face of this earth. Even if they are weird, they're still decent and good.

There are times when you just want to give people a hug and say thank you. And that's the purpose of this editorial. It's dedicated to Kim, who rescued me from an abyss a year ago and taught me much of what I know and am (about journalism, that is.) It's dedicated to Ned and Carol, whom I've appreciated more than they'll ever know. And to Dusty, Jim, and even Dan—who've helped and helped me learn.

Many thanks also to Pam, who for two years has provided a rare dedication that I'll never comprehend. And to Suzanne and Sue whom I don't ever mean to ignore.

Most important of all, there's *The Campus* staff. They're a small group of people, but probably the most exceptional group on this campus. The editors, at least get a salary of peanuts and a telephone on which to call their friends in Seattle. But the staff gets nothing——except quarter by—line and the dubious honor of having their articles covered with red marks from the editors' pens. Each week, they write the equivalent (in time and effort) of a four—page term paper for us. I'll never know why they bother to——except that they're like me (stupid?), I'm glad they do, and I love them for it.

So to all of you who helped with *The Campus* and have been a part of my (our) life and to all the professors who have encouraged me throughout it; especially certain members of the History Department: thanks. I'm glad I'm done with this rag, but I'm also sad (although I sure ain't crying). I hope my successor will feel the same when he reaches the end of his turn.

Letters To the Editor

Lab Credit

To The Editor:

I have for some time noted with growing concern a gross injustice that is present at Middlebury College. The injustice that I am talking about is the fact that the college does not give any extra credit for lab sciences. While I am sure that many readers strongly disagree, hear me out. First, I am not saying that science courses are harder than non-science courses. What I object to is the fact that a lab science course requires scheduled course time above the 12 hours of class per week. In my own case I have estimated that in the course of four years at Middlebury I will spend at least 750 hours in scheduled labs. This 750 hours does not include the time spent to do the work for the lab, this is 750 hours of scheduled lab time that I am required to go to, and for which I receive no credit. Second suppose that two students decide to take Organic chemistry, and that one elects to take the lab, and one doesnot . Assuming that both students survive and pass, both receive the same amount of credit. Unfortunately, one student has put in 120 hours extra of required scheduled lab time. One student has done significantly more work than the other, yet he receives no extra credit. Come on Middlebury its time to come out of the dark ages and give credit where credit is due!

John M. Cullen '78

Dance Fantastic

To The Editor:

The two student-directed dance concerts this weekend were absolutely fantastic! I would like to congratulate and thank Karen Amirault and Elise Long for their wonderful programs.

Anyone who has taken a dance class this year knows that special things are happening for dance at Middlebury. Four very special ladies are responsible; Dana Holby, Patty Wilson, Karen Amirault and Elise Long. They have created an atmosphere of excitement and enthusiasm for dance.

Patty, Karen and Elise will all graduate this spring, and I am just one of a large group of people who will really miss them. With the wonderful dance concerts this weekend, I thought it was time these special ladies were given a little of the recognition and the thanks they more than deserve.

A Dance Groupie

Dear Ed. Council

To The Editor:

The following letter was sent to the Educational Council on May 25.

To: Educational Council

From: Lucy Newell, Chairman of Student Forum

I wish to inform the Educational Council that Student Forum has tabled Pass/Fail for this academic year. We no longer will pursue the topic at this time. However, we do wish to express disappointment and displeasure with the reaction of the Educational Council and the lack of proper consideration granted to the several proposals put before the council. When future student proposals are presented, we hope that the council will carefully examine such material and give it full attention.

Sincerely,
Lucy Newell
on behalf of Student Forum

Forum Candidates Speak Out

BETSY BRYAN '80

My first year at Middlebury has been a wonderful one! The academic challenge has been stimulating and rewarding. Along with my courses I have become involved in several student organizations; the Hancock School Enrichment Program, WRMC, and the struggling Middlebury Orchestra.

In January I attended my first Student Forum meeting and during the spring helped two Forum members with the Student Opinion Poll that was taken concerning Starr and Painter becoming coed next year. This introduction to Forum gave me some idea of what student government at Middlebury is like.

My experiences with high school Student Council were not very good. I decided when I left high school that I would never become involved in it in college.

During this year I have changed my mind. Student government at Middlebury can take a more active role in the college community. The Forum can become a more representative student organization. I feel that the administration would pay more attention to Student Forum if it were a more representative group and if it showed itself to be seriously concerned and committed to working out differences with the faculty and Old Chapel.

The problem of communication between students and administration is the one that most concerns me as it seems to be at the root of so many other problems.

If I am elected I will continue to support the Pass-Fail proposal. I am in favor of the student advising system but would like to see some changes made to make it more effective. With regard to student activities it seems that there must be some way to help organizations and teams that are not presently receiving money from the student activities fund.

I could go on for another page with my thoughts concerning Middlebury now and in the future but I have to conclude somewhere. Vote for me as a sophomore representative to Forum and let my actions speak for me!

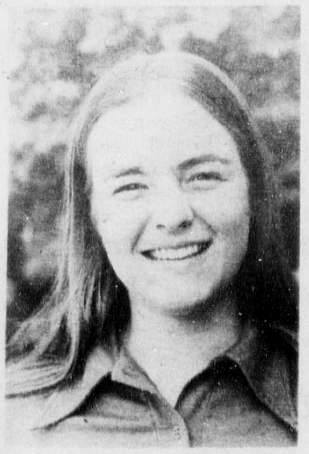
JOHN CULLEN '78

Resume:

Things that I would support

- Propose a system where students taking a laboratory science course would receive partial course credit.
- Support an Option Pass/Fail system for a fourth course. It is my opinion that students should be free to make their own choice. For those who oppose this system remember it is optional; if you do not want to take courses pass/fail, no one is forcing you to do so.
- Advocate more student input into the decision and policy making process of the College.
- and remember, in the words of an infamous College President at an isolated hamlet in Somewhere, Vermont:

"Elect JC, He is a good man."



SUSAN DAVIS '80

As a member of the Class of 1980, I would like to request your support in the upcoming Student Forum elections. It is hoped that the following resume will define some of my ideas for you on issues presently and potentially affecting the student body.

Recently there has been much student initiative to change current policies, academic and administrative, within the Middlebury community. I feel that this presents a very positive outlook for student government in the future. The calendar changes for next year and the re—evaluation of block—room draw are examples of issues reflecting student initiative. New plans for the library, different possibilities for Winter term courses and student rights are areas which should be pursued.

I would like to see the Pass/Fail proposal followed up next year as well as any other issues that will help to meet the needs of the students. I am very interested in the dorm situations, having worked on the co—ed pool for Painter and Starr. This concern extends to Freshmen housing in Davis—Atwater for next year. Hopefully such a transition in housing will be beneficial, yet if found detrimental to student need, it should be changed.

In conclusion, I might only add that I feel the most important consideration of student government at this time is to foster a togetherness between the students, the faculty and the administration. Many conflicts have occured this year that could perhaps have been avoided if there was more openness within the community.

As one of this year's Freshman representatives and Secretary of the Forum during the latter half

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Chinese Study Offers Challenge, Fulfillment

By DUSTY MCNICHOL

The study of Chinese while involving a lot of work, offers cultural and possible economic benefits that make the work worthwhile.

Students of Chinese find themselves exposed to language that challenges many previously assumed ideas about the nature of languages. For example, Chinese, unlike many languages familiar to most Middlebury students, has no alphabet.

The exposure to a language as radically different as Chinese can prompt a student to regard his own language in a somewhat different light.

But beyond the language itself, the study of Chinese can open the door to one of the oldest and most successful civilizations in the world. In order to learn the Chinese language it is necessary to learn how the Chinese people think, and since almost one-fourth of the world's population is Chinese, that in itself is a powerful reason for studying the language.

The study of Chinese culture can be enhanced by taking courses in other departments, such as Religion, History, or Anthropology.

Also, when the student gains reading competency, he can then freely explore the vast numbers of written works that have been composed by Chinese thinkers and poets.

At Middlebury, students in Chinese can explore Chinese culture to the limit by spending a year in Taiwan, Hong Kong, or Singapore, in one of several accredited overseas programs.

Since mastering Chinese takes several years, it is preferable that students wishing to exercise cise that option enroll in Chinese in the fall of their freshman or sophomore, year.

In addition to the tremendous cultural benefits to be derived from studying Chinese, a student who learns Chinese has acquired a potentially valuable skill. The opening up of relations with The People's Republic of China is creating a demand for people with a knowledge of Chinese, and since there are only a few non-Chinese students who study the language in America, those who master it are likely to find themselves in demand.

But there is still one more reason for studying Chinese: it's fun. It's intriguing to study a language that is founded on different principles from our own. And it's amusing to explore the relationships between the various Chinese characters and the words they form.

For instance, the Chinese charater "diann" means "electricity". When joined with the Chinese character for "speech", "huah", the resulting expression means "telephone".

Another common English word arises from the conjunction of the Chinese characters that represent "ire" and "vehicle". That word is not "firetruck", as one might first guess, rather the resulting expression is "train". ("Firetruck" is "save fire vehicle".)

Students studying Chinese at Middlebury have several advantages not found at other schools. In addition to excellent teaching provided by John Berninghausen, the chairman of the new regular year program, and his assistant, Gregory Chiang Kuei-Ke, students are presented with a program that is coordinated with the Middlebury summer intensive Chinese program. That program is probably the finest summer intensive Chinese program in the world.

Those factors, and the added advantage of a student from Peking who will enroll here next fall and who plans to work with Chinese language students, combine to make the study of Chinese at Middlebury an exciting and worthwhile enterprise.

For information regarding the Chinese program, students are advised to see Mr. Berninghausen in Sunderland 130 or to call him at 388-7480.

The Roving Reporter by Larry Welkowitz

President Carter's new "comprehensive energy program" includes a new ,high gasoline tax. Do you feel that such a tax will help reduce energy consumption and will be acceptable to the American people?

1. Ken Gart '78 (Economics):
When people realize why the President is doing this, I think it will help reduce energy consumption. The program will not be totally acceptable to the American people, but I do think that they will see why he did it and eventually, many will probably agree with him.

Sue Bender '79 (Political Science):
I think that rightly applied, it could help, and that gasoline is used very much as a luxury item. A higher tax makes a lot of sense if its administered equitably.

Joshua Schimel '79 (chemistry):
It will reduce consumption somewhat just because people who do not have to drive will not drive so much. But I don't think it will be totally successful. A lot of people simply have to drive. I'm also sure that this program will not be acceptable to the populace. The ideas behind it are good. We should try to reduce consumption but I'm not sure it will work.

Bob Glavin '78 (Sociology):
I think that it is a good idea and will help reduce consumption for awhile, but it's not any kind of a long-term solution. It might help by conserving energy for a short period of time but they're going to have to come up with some sort of long range plan.

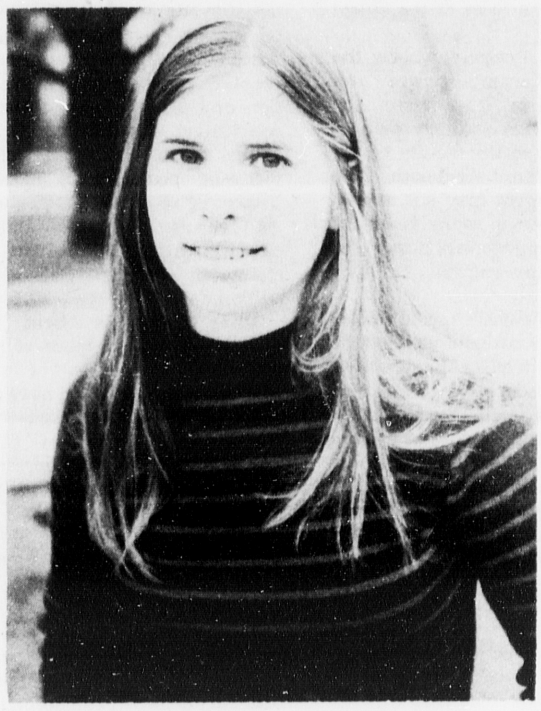
Diana Peach '80 (English):
It will not be acceptable to the American people, but it will help to reduce consumption. If people don't have the money for gas, they won't buy it.

Edward Christopher '78 (Geography):
Such a program will help reduce energy consumption but I don't think the American people are going to like it. I do think, though, that it will keep people's driving down. I know that I'm not going to drive as much as I have been if gasoline is so expensive.

Ann Halsey '77 (Political Science)
It will certainly help to reduce energy consumption, but I don't think the American people are going to buy another big tax increase.

Ty Danco '77 (History):
This program is definately going to work but you better believe that everyone is going to bitch about it. People are just going to have to stop cruising across town just to pick up some groceries.

Evelyn Walzer '77 (Biology):
Personally, I don't think that it going to make much of a difference in energy consumption because gasoline is rather elastic. People have to get to work. There are no two ways about it. But this will probably force people to move from the big luxury car to the smaller economy types, which is a good thing.



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Sue Bender '79

Drew Greenland '80 (American Studies):
I think that it will help reduce energy consumption, but not to the degree that it has to. The rich people who are using up much of the gasoline will still be able to afford it and the poorer people who won't be able to afford it don't use that much to begin with. The American people, I think, will accept this.

Liz Lupien '77 (German):
I don't drive a car so I don't feel that I really can relate to the problem. But I do think its a good idea. We also have to consider a movement towards trains and things like that. That's where the real answer to the problem lies.

Perri Wolf '80 (Biology):
If everyone has to cut down on the amount of gas they use, they'll certainly start to think about walking places and riding places instead of driving everywhere. It might force people to turn towards smaller cars. As for the American people, its just tough on them. This program is definitely going to reduce energy consumption.

Charlie Holden '80
I think that its a matter of cutting back voluntarily now or involuntarily later. We think only of growth when things must eventually level off, whether by our own choice or by disasterous limitations.

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Josh Schimel '79

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Student Forum Candidates

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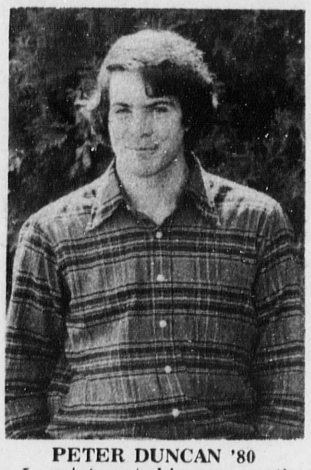
of the year, I request the opportunity to represent you on nest year's Student Forum. Thank you.



PETER DUNCAN '80

I am interested in representing student opinion as a member of the Student Forum. This body is the voice of the students at Middlebury, and it is unique in as much as it is comprised of only students. The decisions it reaches and programs it sponsors and proposes are those of the stdent body.

This is precisely where the Student Forum's power and influence lies. It expresses the opinion of the students distinct from those of the faculty or administration. Although the Student Forum may not have a binding vote on many issues, it remains an important part of the student government at Middlebury.

Forum members should realize this is their position, and use the Forum as a place to represent student views by initiating changes that the student body desires. The Forum should then work with these ideas and develop them into proposals that reflect student opinion, and send them to other bodies such as the Educational Council, Community Council, or faculty. In formulating such proposals student opinion should be the major concern rather than whether or not the administration or faculty will accept it.

I believe in being practical, but too often I have heard Forum members discount ideas because they are sure they will be unacceptable. Another attitude which I object to is leaving aspects of proposals to other councils to work out. The Forum is the students representative, and it should work to achieve the best proposals it can in accordance with **student** opinion.

Accordingly, I intend to work as I have during the past year on popular programs such as the pass/fail option, the student advising system or any other issues which might arise. I would work both in the general forum and in the working group sessions to assure the best possible proposal is formulated and then supported when it is sent on to other councils. I see my position as that of a representatave, and I am willing to discuss any ideas you may have. Please come by.

JEFFREY F. EADDY '79

To my fellow students, the Student Forum claims to be an organization representing the student body. If this is true, why did certain members of the forum hesitate to back the students on the rebate issue?

I, Jeffrey F. Eaddy, feel it is the Forum's job to seek student sentiments on certain issues. And if there is a strong commitment of students on a particular issue, the Forum should aid in solving the issue.

The student body is supposed to have an effective, influential voice on certain issues which concern us. My deep concern to see us have this right qualifies me to become a member of the Student Forum.

I am tired of the student body being looked down upon by the administration. I feel that the student body should be a primary concern of the college. And it is the student body's rightful duty to elect individuals like myself to build an effective coherent student forum.

MIKE ELWIN '78

Ladies and Gentlemen; I am asking you all to vote for me on Saturday May 7th at registration so I may become a member of the Student Forum. Let me introduce myself to you all. My name is Michael J. Elwin. I am a Junior transferred from Queensborough Community College in New York. While I was attending there I was elected President of the Queensborough Student Association (representing 17,000 students) for one year. The following year I was elected Treasurer of said organization. As Treasurer I was Chairman of the Allocating Committee in charge of over one half of a million dollars.

Other positions held at Queensborough: Member of the Board of Directors of the Queensborough College Association; Financial Adviser to the Student Council of Club Presidents; College Representative of the N.Y.C. Council on the Environment.

Here at Middlebury I am currently a member of the Community Council and the Finance Committee. I am also the Treasurer of the Black Student Union. I want to be a member of the Student Forum because I believe it can become a strong organization on this campus. The Forum needs strong hard working leaders and members to build it up. This can be done by the members of the Forum not picking on trivial matters that come up, thereby wasting a lot of precious time.

All Forum members should always remember that they are representing the student body and that they are on the Forum to help the students in any way possible. I also think that the small clubs (low budgeted) should be given more help in how to manage their funds, by the Treasurer of the Forum and the Finance Committee. I feel there should be more attention given to the small clubs.

Make your Student Forum work for you.

LIBBY HALPIN '80

I am seeking your support to be an elected representative for the class of 1980.

I am most concerned with the future of the student's role in decision-making at Middlebury. Because the Student Forum is Middlebury's primary student representative body, I feel its duties are extremely important. Recently, the student's input into decisions that will directly affect them has been questioned. This seems to indicate weakness of the Student Forum, or perhaps, its limited access to participation in administrative issues.

If elected, I shall work to

augment student influence over issues that concern them. I feel this is the Student Forum's first, and most important duty as a representative of student thought and opinion.

As for qualification, I have in the past been involved in decision-making processes of a large high school as Vice President of the student government. I am aware of the difficulties that arise as a result of lack of student participation in major issues. If elected, I will seek to encourage the expression of student opinion to its representative body. To create an active and concerned representation, acting in the name of the students, is what I feel to be my major duty as a representative. Please give me your support.

RICHARD HOLLOWAY

Richard "cat' Holloway, '78/79, Bio/Psych/Cr. English is very interested in attending in the student government as a representative. He is presently a delegate to I.F.C. and is playing the gentleman's sport; rugby. He is involved with Aramatoons and likes any music which can be played at a high level of volume. He plays the guitar and piano, sort of, and beats on bongos. His favorite beer is Molson Golden in the bottle; when he can afford it.

Cat hails from Sagamore. That's on Cape Cod. He used to be a lobsterman but somebody took all of the lobsters so at 6 years of age he hung up the business. He is 21 years old now: "...and acts like 12," he says.

His aims upon election are: 1) celebrate! 2) strive for greater inter-student communication and unity; 3) and associated communication between students and administration. Cat wishes to open up channels of discourse where issues may be bandied about before an administrative decision is culminated. (i.e.; interject a student congressional aspect into the Community Council's deliberations, and/or institute a means for polling student opinion.) 4) recreate the Student Course Guide, there's 100% of you out there, isn't there? 5) etc.

We believe Cat Holloway is well qualified and blahwoof...

Check CAT at election.

The Committee to elect the Cat.

WILLIE F. JENKINS '78

As you know this year has been a very strenuous year for Middlebury. There has been concern for a Pass/Fail system, and more importantly concern about our role in the decision-making process here at Middlebury.

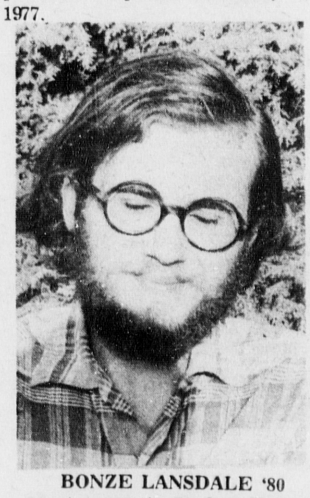
Currently, the adoption of a Pass/Fail system seems to be at a standstill. The reason being that there is a generally negative attitude towards Pass/Fail.

I believe that a Pass/Fail option would not undermine the objectives of Middlebury College. Research has shown that "some professors thought that the option had lessened the quality of their classes, while others thought that it had improved the quality of their classes." As with any experiment there is always the chance for failure, but proper research and a concrete understanding of what is involved substantially reduces error. However, any decision concerning academic affairs, or for that matter any aspect of student life should be decided by the student.

Students should play a major role in the politics of the College; for it directly affects us. We can no longer sit back and let decisions go by that might have adverse affects on us. Now we, as students, are moving in that direction.

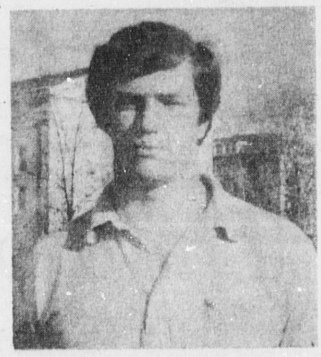
What must be understood is the fact that we, as students, are not seeking control; just a voice—a voice that will be heard! Therefore I am asking for your support.

Being a member of the Forum is something to be taken seriously. I believe that I can devote the time, and have the dedication necessary for the position. So please vote May 7, 1977.



BONZE LANSDALE '80

My interest in Student Forum stems from two sides: the recent response to the petition that we all heard about excited me into thinking of the possibilities of what student interest can accomplish. I'm also interested in the challenge of establishing communication both inside and outside this representative body. This is the fundamental issue. I like to think of myself as a good listener, and with some moral support from classmates I'd be willing to undertake the commitment seriously given the opportunity.



JOHN F.X. LAWLER '79

As a sophmore at Middlebury I have noticed several problems that I would like to have an opportunity to change. Among the changes I would like to see is the increase of student voice in administration decisions, the raising of rebates for individuals preparing their own meals or eating at fraternities, and the addition of the pass—fail courses.

Middlebury is made up of a body of young adults who have a right to participate in the making of policies that will govern them. Student voice can be powerful (as was seen by the reinstatement of rebates for students eating away from the dining halls and the return of room blocks) and a viable way must be made to organize this force. Perhaps a plan to establish a more influential Student Forum with organized communication with the student body would be one solution. The second problem I would like to discuss is the issue of rebates to students who prefer to either prepare their own meals or to eat at fraternities. Students in a community like Middlebury should have the option to eat at places other than campus dining halls and not suffer financial penalties. At present rebates for those eating away from campus dining units are far too low and the college really has no right to financially discourage students from trying these options.

The last issue I will speak of is that of the pass—fail option. Pass—fail is a way to encourage students to take courses that they are interested in yet academically afraid to take. Pass—fail would help assure more students the chance to have the well—rounded, liberal arts education that Middlebury offers.

In closing I would like to say that if elected to Student Forum I will try to represent the student body's voice to the best of my ability.

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A Guiness For The Gods ? Lord Odin Robison ?

By DARK HORSEY

The omniscient, omnipotent All-father Odin (like in Olin?) was furious. He stormed through the entrance to the Valhalla Memorial Meeting Chamber and marched directly to his seat at the head of the table.

"I hereby call this meeting of the gods of Old Asgard to order," he bellowed, and pounded the table with the symbolic hammer that he had removed from the possession of his son, Thor.

Thor was not at the meeting but was instead out to lunch, as were many of the residents of Old Asgard during the time of this particular meeting. The grass on the heavenly hillsides had grown particularly green as the result of a long period of storm raised by the might of Thor and his hammer. These days everyone enjoyed sitting on the green grass, sharing picnic lunches, and saying how they hoped the grass would stay this green forever now that the storm had ended.

"My lord Odin," said the Fair Ikka to the raging deity, "thou dost seem most perturbed."

"You bet your authoritarian attitude I'm perturbed," roared Odin. "I just received word from one of my cherubs stationed in Midd-gard that there are still some places in Midd-gard Kingdom where no trees have been planted."

The chamber was silent.

"Well?" demanded Odin. "Is it true?"

Balder-the-Brave McKinney was the god who spoke. "I-It is possible, my liege," he said softly.

"Possible!" exploded Odin. "Do you mean to tell me that you are not capable of carrying out even the most simple of my commands? Why do you think I've had a dozen and a half new trees planted during the past two weeks along the walkways leading to the SDU's? I did it because I intended that to be the first step in a crusade to cover every available inch of land in that kingdom with trees. Do you think it is the will of the gods that the students have open land on which to romp and play and enjoy themselves? No way!

"Now you listen to me, and you listen good. I want trees planted—tens, hundreds, thousands of them—everywhere you see a patch of open ground. Everywhere you discover a servant throwing a Frisbee. Everywhere you catch a servant relaxing and reading Shakespeare. In every lounge, hallway, and lavatory throughout the land. Everywhere and anywhere. including Battell and Porter Fields. Ya got that?"

"Yes, my liege," said Balder humbly.

"I think it's about time that kingdom was made beautiful in the eyes of the gods. I'm sick and tired of all the openness. And when you've finished with the fields, dormitories and grassy areas, start tearing up the sidewalks and plant trees there as well."

"As you wish, Father Odin," said Balder.

Odin banged Thor's hammer against the table again and took a long, deep breath.

"Now then—" he said, in a much relieved tone, "since we have that matter all cleared up, let's proceed with the regular meeting, shall we?" He sat in his imperial chair and a warm and saintly smile came over his face. "What have my fellow, subordinate gods to report?"

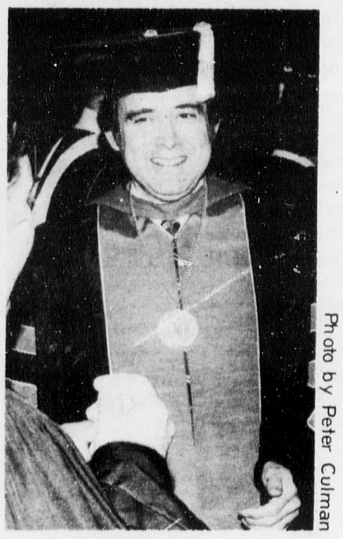
Carl the Grim was the first to reply. "We are faced with a serius problem which calls for thea id of thy infinite wisdom, my lord."

"And what be the problem?" asked Odin.

"There has come a proposal to reduce the number of block room draws made available to our servants in Midd-gard," said Carl. "But our mystic observations reveal the subjects are in opposition to the proposal."

"Then by all means go through with it," directed the All-father. "We shall not be ruled by the whimperings of our underlings. So be it! Next report."

"We are faced with a dilemma in Freshmen housing, O Wise One," said Jill, the Norn Queen. "The housing guidelines we have used in previous years will prove inadequate fo the number of new servants we are expecting to



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arrive in Midd-gard this fall."

"In that case we will need to reserve some additional dormitory space for our incoming servitors," pondered the All-father. "And in my all-encompassing logic I conclude the most sensible location to reserve for incoming freshmen would be...Atwater-Davis."

"Thou art truly amazing, my liege," lauded the wide-eyed Fair Ikka. "How is it that thou makest so wise and rapid a decision?"

"It's quite simple actually," explained Odin. "Atwater begins with an "A" and so does Asgard. You see? What other logical choice could there be?"

All the gods in the chamber gasped and murmured in reverence of the unapproachable wisdom of their lord and master.

"Better still", cried Odin with a sudden exuberance that cut short the murmurs. "Let us use those halls specifically for the purpose of housing "socially aggressive freshmen". The isolated location will be ideal for them."

An even louder murmur than the first began to go from the gods, but Carl the Grim interrupted.

"My lord, what meanest thou by the term "socially aggressive?" And how is it that we shall separate these servants from the others?"

"Don't pester the All-father with trifles," said Odin.

Carl retreated, obediently.

"Be ye advised, Father, that we must assign Junior Counselors to live with these deliberately segregated newcomers to Midd-gard," cautioned Jill the Norn Queen.

"Ah, yes,..." contemplated Odin. "That is a problem."

"If I may, my liege," said fair Ikka, "might I propose we employ the usual, arbitrary procedure for Junior Counselor room placement. Simply allow them to draw numbers as they always do. We need not inform those J.C.'s whose fate it becomes to reside in Atwater-Davis of the categorization of their co-residents until after the draw. Thus, 'tis most certain the J.C.'s living in Atwater- Davis will likely be the ones least interested in undertaking such a challenge and least happy in their positions."

"Fair Ikka, you are truly a wonder," praised Odin.

Fair Ikka blushed.

"Next report," said Odin.

"Father Odin, the decision hath been made to cease our practice of rebating those servants in Midd-gard who choose not to partake of the sacred morsels which they majestic hand layeth before them," said Balder McKinney.

"The decision seems to me a wise one," said Odin.

"But again there rises opposition..."

"Then stand firm," commanded Odin. "The more firm, the better. In fact, in my infinite knowledge I recommend you charge students who go off the Midd-gard meal plan **more** than other students. Charge them for the food they cause us to throw away. And while I'm on the subject of money, I want you to start drawing up a new tuition plan that will enable us to continue to charge students tuition after they've graduated. I don't care how you go about it. Just have it on my throne within two weeks."

"As you wish, my liege," said Balder.

"Next?"

"The trial period hath ended for one of thy high priests in Midd-gard, my liege," said the Fair Ikka. "Now 'tis time to pass thy judgement."

"His name?" queried Odin.

"John-the-Gentle Conron," said Fair Ikka. "With thy leave, my lord, I would indicate to you that the servants of Midd-gard are very fond of said priest."

"Can him," said Odin. "Next?"

From the far end of the meeting table there came a whispering, hollow voice.

"Be ye informed, Father Odin, that we have refused a request by the Midd-gardians to institute a pass/fail option in their kingdom."

"Who is it that speaks?" asked the All-father. He was unable to determine whence originated the voice because the table was so long.

"'Tis of little import," said the voice. "I issue to many the words made law by few. My message is all that truly matters. And the message is that there shall be no pass/fail. We have spoken."

"So be it," declared Odin. He came to his feet and pounded Thor's hammer once again. "Indeed there is much qe have achieved here this day," he proclaimed. "Ere we take leave of the Chamber for the festival of celebration I am about to proclaim, is there any other report which here should be discussed?"

No one spoke.

"Then let us retire to the feast. But first, let us send forth a messenger to the great god Guiness, keeper of all records. Surely the number of irrational and insensitive decisions made here today far exceeds the number made on any other day in the history of godhood."

A great shout of triumph went up from the Chamber. But suddenly, unexpectedly, into the chamber burst the youthful Thor. Without hesitation he leaped onto the massive table and stood before the assemblage of hushed gods and goddesses.

"Methinks thou dost celebrate thy triumph too soon," Thor proclaimed. "I have heard the shouts of the united servants of Midd-gard, and they are angry shouts. So loud and angry are the shouts that 'twould seem the Midd-gardians have traveled the full distance of the Rainbow Bridge created by my earlier storm and found themselves returned once again to a lowly ground. So loud were the shouts that they interrupted my picnic feast. Icould not stay out to lunch. Nor could any of the others who have been out to lunch with me. But had we to return here to warn you."

"Know you not, my son, that you speak to a father whose knowledge is vast beyond comprehension?" asked Odin. "Whose wisdom knows no bounds?"

"What value knowledge and wisdom if they be not sensibly applied?" asked Thor. "Methinks 'tis time thou didst return mine hammer to me, oh lord. For the grass begins to brown. And 'tis best I used my hammer to bring the gentle rain to stave off the deterioration ere a full new storm be necessary."

"Aye," agreed the Fair Ikka. "The words spoken by the youth are words best heeded. For though 'tis true we are gods today, lest we be gods who meet the needs of our people, we are naught more than myth tomorrow."

Policy Change

By KURT DUHLMAN

President Robinson announced a widespread change in policy today, (what, again?) aimed at 1) reducing college expenses, and 2) allowing more student participation in administrative decisions.

Toward the first goal, Robinson announced that the Security Force squad car is being junked because of its poor gas mileage and "ugly scratches on the left door." As a replacement, the school is purchasing two horses and a wagon—sled combination unit, which will be stored and stabled in a shed next to Proctor.

Robinson said, "Not only does this move save over 3000 rubles per semester, but it has the added bonus of free fertilizer and effective distribution without labor costs." He also noted that **two** horses will allow Security to patrol the campus more rapidly, but did admit that keg confiscation could be more difficult during the muddy season.

The President also informed the community of new water conservation measures designed to prevent "indiscriminate, wasteful use of facilities." He said that water would be turned on only for three two-hour periods each day, once each in the morning, afternoon, and evening, in order to minimize unneeded use.

Exceptions to this restriction were listed as Old Chapel, the library, and certain professors' offices, because "they require special services to remove the excess amount of waste material produced in the normal course of a day."

Robison also noted that additional shrubbery will be planted around the campus for "those special cases."

In yet another economy maneuver, Robinson announced that he was going to put one-third of the faculty on Sabbatical leave, on a rotating basis. Their places will be filled by senior majors from each department.

On increased student participation, Robinson stated that students will have a deciding vote in all policy matters except those where "there is a clear and present danger that they might make a mistake." He went on to say that he hoped this would foster a cooperating community spirit at the college and prevent "all those misguided youngsters from writing nasty things about me."

The President acknowledged that this action still might not satisfy the "more demanding radicals," so he announced yet another reform. Effective immediately, the college will turn all administrative duties over to students for one day per month. This, he felt, should pacify even the most ardent supporters of student rights. When asked about possible administrative mixups due to this set-up, he said, "I expect very few, since all vital records will be locked up when the regular administration is off campus."

According to Robinson, the changes were made because of "effective student action" in the form of bomb scares and hold-ups during the past few weeks. However, he claims to harbor no grudges, for "they were only pointing out some very pertinent issues." He did not mention any plans for letting the involved students out of Forest basment.

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2:30-4:30 For surprises, tune in at 2:30 for Terri
4:30-6:30 The Afternoon Concert
6:30-7 The Evening Report
7-7:05 The Electronic Rideboard
7:05-9 Accent on Ceilo, with Betsy Bryan. Featured this week: Handel's Israel in Egypt
11:30-12 The Shadow
12 The Midnite LP

Thursday, May 5
9-12 Identity Crisis with Jeff Edwardholm
4:30-5 The Frog Show
6:30-7 The Evening Report
7-7:05 The Electronic Rideboard
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9-12 Radio Rodeo with Cowboy Rick Ridder
12 The Midnite LP

Friday, May 6
9-12 The Friday Morning Variety Show with Karl Smelker and Gary Namm
6:30-7 The Evening Report
7-7:05 The Electronic Rideboard
9-11:30 The Scorpion Mood with Freddie J.
11:30-12 The Goon Show
12 The Midnite LP

Saturday, May 7
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11-12 Services live from Mead Chapel
12-3 The Sunday Opera Matinee with host Peter Gardner, featuring I Pagliaci
3-5 The Afternoon Concert
7-7:30 The Evening Report
7:30-9:30 Jazz with Julie Wachtel
9:30-11:30 Jazz with Bruce Willard
11:30-12 Dragnet

Monday, May 9
2:30-4:30 The best in jazz and rock with Terri Dumas
4:30-6:30 The Afternoon Concert
6:30-7 The Evening Report
7-7:05 The Electronic Rideboard
7:05-9 The Evening Concert
9-12 Giant Steps: Jazz with Jonathan Hart
12 The Midnite LP

Tuesday, May 10
4:30-5 The German Show
5-6:30 The Tuesday Classical Concert with host Donald Kreis
6:30-7 The Evening Report
7-7:05 The Electronic Rideboard
7:05-9 The Tuesday Classical Concert, Part II. Host Donald Kreis presents a special evening of live music. Connie Vial (flute), Jim Griesheimer (oboe), Gwen Toth (clarinet) and Karen Chadsey (bassoon) will perfomr chamber music of Haydn, Mozart, Persichettie, and Hindemith.
9-12 My Favorite Things—Jazz with Jonathan Glass
12 The Midnite LP

Senior Reflections

By AMY MEEKER

"I've really enjoyed it—but I can't tell if it's been worth $20,000."

"I've received a really good education at Middlebury."

"If I had it to do over again, I'm not sure I'd come here."

"It was pretty."

With graduation less than a month away, many seniors are evaluating their years at Middlebury. Several changes and trends have occured at the College in the past four years, including the inauguration of a new President in 1975, and the decision to require Foundation and Concentration Courses. How do departing seniors feel about these and other issues?

Opinion on changes in the Administration varied widely. Most students agreed that former President James Armstrong was, as one student said, "a nice guy, and a damn good fund-raiser," although he was "more detached from day-to-day affairs, and hardly ever on campus." Josh Hanft '77, felt that "although Armstrong and (Former Dean of the Faculty Dennis) O'Brien created a lot of enemies, Armstrong was sincere and forthright in his beliefs -- the College was a deep interest for him"

In contrast, said Hanft, Robison's administration has been marked by "a lot of public relations campaigns, but no substantial changes."

Dave Fairbrother '77 also spoke of a noticeable increase in public relations campaigns. "Perhaps it's good, but it's almost like commercializing Middlebury," said Fairbrother. "I guess it's necessary with higher tuition costs and fewer students applying, but I don't know what effect it will have on prospective Middlebury students."

Katie Lange '77 felt that the President is "too concerned with Middlebury's image and not enough with student opinion." Middlebury's image and not enough with student opinion." "It's hard to reconcile," she added. "He seems concerned personally, but generally makes decisions that don't sit well."

Lange also mentioned the Administration's initial decisions to curtail food rebates and block draws as indicative of the Administration's tendency to act as "surrogate parents." "I'm glad they changed their minds" she said.

Hanft agreed, with Lange and described the recent student petition as "healthy on the part of the students." He added that it was "disheartening that the Administration made the initial decision without consulting the students.

"The petition," said Steve Ongley '77 "was just kids being kids. It's left over from the sixties, when you could get righteously indignant at the administration."Ongley felt that Old Chapel is "justified in making decisions without consulting the students, if they so desire -- that's what they're paid for."

Ginni Jones '77 agreed with Ongley and said that the incidents of the past few weeks have been "blown out of proportion."

Several seniors expressed a concern that relations between the Administration and the rest of the college community are generally poor. Tim Harrington '77 said that he has found a "fair element of insensitivity" both in the Armstrong and the Robison Administrations. Fairbrother felt that although Robison is perhaps held overly responsible for policies of "tightening up,", there is a "definite need" for a better relationship between the President , the students, and the faculty.

Hanft spoke of a need for the "isolated" Trustees to be brought into closer contact with the college community. Hanft favored having students and faculty on the board of Trustees as a means of promoting communication. Robison's metaphorical "tightrope" between the two groups is a "self-created one -- perhaps the desires of the two groups are not so far apart."

Bill Thickstun '77 connected the problem of student-administration communication with the decision to deny tenure to Assistant Professor John Conron (American Literature). The procedures of tenure can certainly be questioned, if not this particular decision." he said, and advocated the formation of a committee "representative of all of the community" to review the procedures of tenure.

Despite the student body vote against Foundation and Concentration requirements last year, many seniors felt that these proposals were a good thing. Hanft felt that if "handled properly," the course requirements could help relieve a "tendency" of many students toward "over-specialization."

Thickstun saw the curriculum changes as the positive result of

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Theatre Show

A group of eleven students led by Simon Barenbaum have been doing improvisational theater throughout this Spring term, and they now feel ready to show what they have learned.

During the working sessions, students improvise alone, or by twos and threes. First, as the group explored the theme of the Circus, acrobats, magicians, elephants and lions filled Ross Lounge.

Students then decided to try out the theme of a public garden, and characters ranged from children to old women. Put two opposite characters in the public garden and what do you get?

What happens when an established character tries on a mask? Does that character undergo a transformation? This is what l'Atelier is trying to find out.

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Analytic Tests Are Added To GRE's

College seniors planning to take the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) Aptitude Test next fall will see some changes in the exam. A new section designed to measure analytical skills will be added to the traditional areas that test verbal and quantitave skills.

The change, the first since the current form of the Aptitude Test was introduced in the 1940's, is based on an extensive research effort initiated by the Graduate Record Examinations Board that showed that analytical skills can be distinguished from verbal and quantitative skills and are related to academic success.

Students, faculty members, and administrators from all over the country were consulted in the various planning stages of the change in the exam.

Educational Testing Service (ETS), which administers the exam for the GRE Board, explains that the additional measure will enable students to demonstrate a wider array of academic talents when they apply for admission to graduate school.

Janis Somerville, GRE program director at ETS, said, "The new measure will test a student's skills in a number of areas. Students will be able to show their ability to recognize logical relationships, draw conclusions from a complex series of statements, and determine relationships between independent or interdependent categories of groups."

She explained that, like the traditional measures of the GRE, the new test will use various kinds of questions.

"Three types will be used in the analytical section: analysis of explanations, logical diagrams, and analytical reasoning questions, each designed to test a different aspect of analytical ability," she said.

Somerville also explained that no formal training in logic or methods of analysis is required to do well on the new measure.

"Some analytical skills are required and developed in virtually all fields of study," she explained. "And, like verbal and quantitative skills, analytical skills are developed over a long period of time and are not believed to be improved to any significant degree by intensive study in a brief period of time."

Somerville also noted that the 1977-78 GRE Bulletin of Information will describe the new measure and will include sample questions and explanations of the answers. The Bulletin is sent free to all students registering for the GRE.

In addition, a Sample Aptitude Test containing the same number and types of questions as the actual exam can be ordered at one dollar per copy. Both publications will be available on August 1.

Despite the new addition, the GRE will remain a three-hour test since the verbal and quantitative portions have been shortened and the time saved allocated to the new measure.

"The same research effort that produced the new measure also yielded shorter versions of the verbal and quantitative sections that are comparable in reliability and usefulness to the earlier and longer sections," explained Somerville.

The GRE is taken each year by about 300,000 college students as part of the admissions process to graduate school. The exam is offered six times a year, while advanced tests in 20 subjects are offered five times a year throughout the nation.

Seniors Evaluate Middlebury Experience

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"learning, after having been free from requirements, how to go back to them" in a "resonable, annd not at all arbitrary" fashion. Ongley felt that the requirements were a "very wise move."

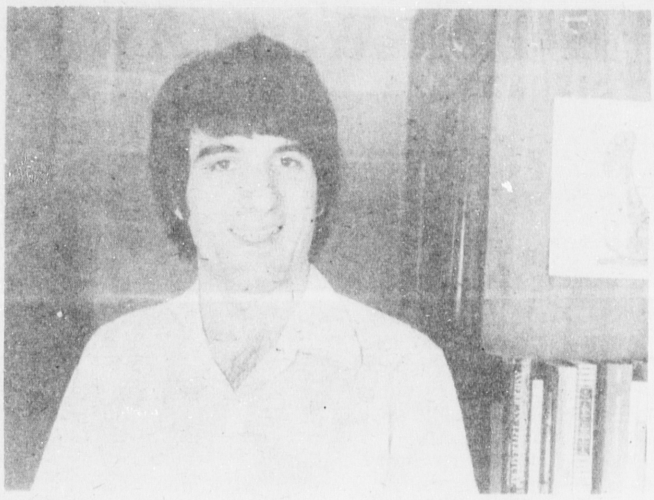
Hanft, in contrast, expressed a sense that the "torpid '70's" cliche is "perhaps mistaken". He cited the recent student petition as as evidence of a concerned student body. He admitted that there is a general tendency among Middlebury students to "just accept", which is perhaps explained by the fact that, for many, Middlebury is "another stop" on a "steady integration into the upper strata of society."

Jones felt that one element that has remained the same at Middlebury is the situation of minorities. The minority summer orientation program, she felt, serves to "alienate minority groups from the student body at large, since your friends tend to be the people you see for the first week or two.

Hanft also criticized the orientation program as an "unnecessary paternalistic approach." He found the number of minority stuents at the College "abysmally low." "Middlebury seems to be drawing more and more on the wealthy students, and creating a more homogeneous student body" he said.

Ongley felt that the minority division is not a "real problem" and added that students sometimes make "too quick a judgment", that a problem exists.

Seniors generally seemed to think that the student body is becoming more serious as far as academics are concerned. Thickstun thought that incoming freshmen are becoming "more competitive."



Bill Thickstun '77: "Incoming freshmen are becoming more competitive."

Photo by Richard Tarlov

Fairbrother said that students are becoming "less rowdy" and more concerned with studying. He said that four years ago seniors were "wild" and "insane" in comparison.

Ongley mentioned the increase in the number of natural science majors as evidence of a willingness among students to study more seriously.

Harrington mentioned that students seemed to be thinking earlier about what they will do after college. The assumtion that going to college was the "way to get ahead" is now "questionable" he explained.

Since college students are not necessarily better off in the job market, Harrington said, people worry more about their futures. This leads to an increased emphasis on grades. Harrington said that this "tends to take away from learning."

What did seniors think about the "Camp Middlebury" image that is so often discussed on a sunny day? Ongley sees the image as a result of the fact that recreation is "obviously catered to" at Middlebury. He cited the College Snow Bowl and the numerous tennis courts on campus as examples. Harrington felt that the image is "justified" to some extent.

"People are active, and like to go out and play" he said. He added that the cliche is "unfair" because it ignores th fact that "people do work really hard here, and are under a lot of academic pressure."

In Fairbrother's opinion, "Camp Middlebury" applies only to Freshman Week.

Hanft regards the cliche of "Camp Middlebury versus The Real World" as a "foolish distinction." The college is "Camp Middlebury" to those that only regard it that way he said. These people would tend to look at life outside of Middlebury as "Camp Real World."

"There should be demands made" Ongley said. "Academics at Middlebury shouldn't become as laissez-faire as the social life."

Another issue which concerned students was over-crowded courses. Hanft considers this a "major threat" to the College, and finds it a "more pronounced condition" now than it had been four years ago.

"Middlebury's pretended advantage is a low student-faculty ratio," said Hanft. Hanft and Thickstun felt that the overcrowding problem, if allowed to persist, would seriously hurt the College. "Middlebury doesn't have much distinction except close contact between students and faculty – we shouldn't be moving away from this," said Thickstun.

Harrington and Ongley believed that class size, although generally too large, is no worse now than in their freshmen years, and thought that "it was always going to be that way." Increasing the faculty size, said Ongley, was just not "economically feasible." Harrington agreed. "Smaller classes would be just great, but it's not very feasible," he said. He added that upper-level seminars "aren't that bad."

Finally, is there life after Middlebury? Again, responses varied widely. Some students mentioned plans for graduate school. Others admitted that they're "not sure" what they'll be doing.

Commencement Speakers

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ministrative assignments in Ghana and Uganda and Agency for International Development posts in Thailand, Viet Nam and Kenya. Ambassador James has also served as director of the Office of Near East Affairs of the Asia Bureau of AID and in 1975 became deputy assistant secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs in the State Department.

Ross, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, was a leading physician and surgeon in Rutland for more than 40 years before his retirement in 1968. He served in World War I and again in World War II as a Captain in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps.

The West Rutland, Vt. native graduated from Middlebury in 1920 and received his M.D. degree from Harvard in 1924.

Ross is variously known as the father of the Middlebury College Snow Bowl, a friend of athletics, and a long term trustee and supporter of the College. He was first elected to the Middlebury Board of Trustees in 1936 as an alumni trustee. Recognizing his contributions to that body, the Board named him a term trustee in 1946 and a life trustee in 1951. He was elected secretary of the corporation in 1969 and a year later was honored in a Board resolution on the occasion of his retirement.

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Babies. Babies are everywhere. My sister just had a child last week, and that's why I'm preoccupied with babies. His name is Christopher Greco, but I doubt if he knows that yet.

Babies are the hope of the world. The baby of today is still a baby tomorrow, but give him a few years and he's likely to amount to something.

In the field of athletics babies are particularly important. The first contest that people ever participate in is a game called Baby In The Air. Without babies that sport would just be left up in the air.

But babies participate in sports too. Just last week in **Sports Illustrated**, there was a picture of a twenty one month old kid who swam a quarter of a mile without drowining. That feat is particularly remarkable considering the fact that the child was only nineteen months old when he started the swim. One seldom sees that kind of determination in anyone under five years old.

The contributions that babies make to professsional sports are equally remarkable. In baseball, for example, consider the case of Babe Ruth. Now, the Babe wasn't a baby when he hit all those home runs, but he had been one earlier. And he's not alone.

Stastics show that 100% of all major league baseball players were babies at some point in their career, usually early on.

Pitchers, especially, like to be reminded of their early years. Remarks such as "C'mon baby" or "Atta baby" are guaranteed to encourage any hurler. And it's no coincidence that the major league's highest pitching honor is the Cy Young award.

An easy play is known as "kid stuff" or "child's play". Those are just two baby terms that turn up in professional baseball, but there could be more, among them "infant's monologue" instead of the traditional "long ball."

But enough of this kidding around with unadulterated humor. If you're fed up just say "uncle". I'll hear you.

Varsity Lacrosse Action: Co-captain Tom Callanan, No.8, controls the action and the ball as No.16, Bill Erdman, gets into position. The varsity Panthers are having their traditional fine season. After a 22-3 victory over Castleton last Monday, the team's record stands at 8-2. Photo by Gwen Blaine

Women Skiers Are Honored

By DUSTY McNICHOL

The Middlebury Women's Ski Team was honored with a ceremonial dinner last week, but with all the awards that were presented the event looked more like a hardware dealer's convention than a banquet.

While enjoying a meal that included steak and potatoes, the women listened to laudatory speeches from coaches Terry Aldrich, Charlie Brush, Gordy Eaton, and Karen Eaton. College president Olin Robison was also on hand to congratulate the skiers.

One of the central events at the banquet was the naming of the skiers who had been elected to the All-East team, and the presentation of plaques commemorating that achievement. Team members honored by a place on the first team were Jennifer Caldwell, Liz Carey, Janet Kellam, Sara McNealus, Leslie Orton, and Lindsay Putnam.

In addition, three skiers received honorable mention in the voting. These were Debbie Hutchinson, Tina Besse, and Lori Woodworth.

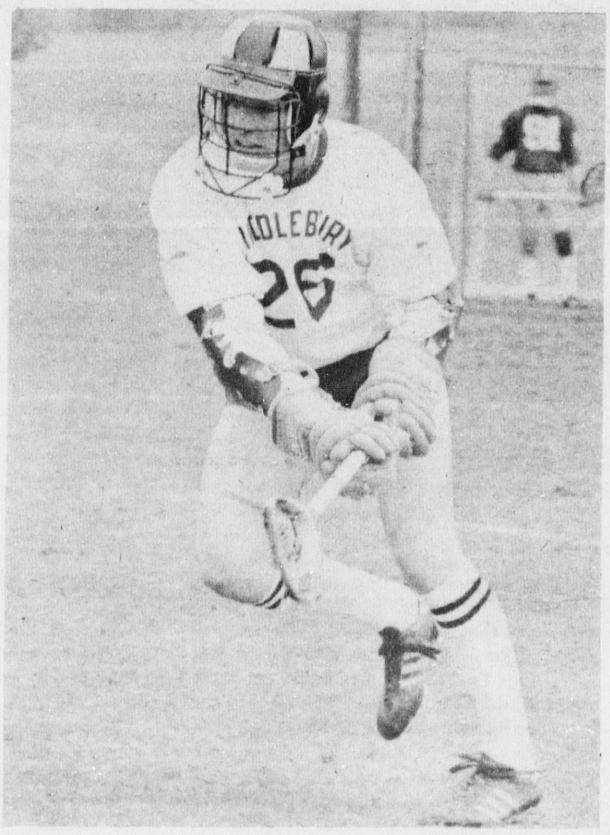
Individual honors were bestowed on Liz Carey, and Lindsay Putnam. Liz received an award from **Sports Illustrated** magazine for her accomplishments throughout the season, particularly for her winning of the national championships last March.

Putnam was awarded a trophy for being the most improved skier on the team. In the course of the year, Putnam, a freshman, rose from being an unranked skier to placing second in the national championships.

Coach Terry Aldrich also received an award. He received a bowl from the team, in appreciation of the work he did with the skiers.

With that presentation the banquet ended, and the well fed champions loaded their awards into waiting wheelbarrows and headed back to their rooms to think about last season and dream about the years to come.

B-Lax Wins Away



Bob Sargent demonstrates the aggressiveness that has kept the lacrosse team winning all Spring. Photo by Gwen Blaine

By TONY ROMANO

It was the type of game you can tell your grandchilderen about, when they're old enough to appreciate your stories about the "good old days."

That's how it was when the Middlebury College "B" Lacrosse Team played Union College in the howling wind, the pouring rain, and the extremely low temperatures. The game can best be described as a mudbath, but almost any player will tell you they had fun running around and falling down in the mud.

The fun was compounded for the Panthers because , as they pumped 10 goals through a porous Union defense, the team allowed the Dutchmen only four points.

The game was not as close as the score indicates, for Middlebury clearly held a territorial advantage over Union. Only the weather kept the fired up Panthers from turning the game into a romp.

But despite the relative tightness of the game, Coach Brush still had an opportunity to empty his bench in the fourth quarter, thereby giving everyone a chance to play.

The next game for Middlebury is Saturday against Holderness, when the "B" Panthers will hope to duplicate last week's fine performance.

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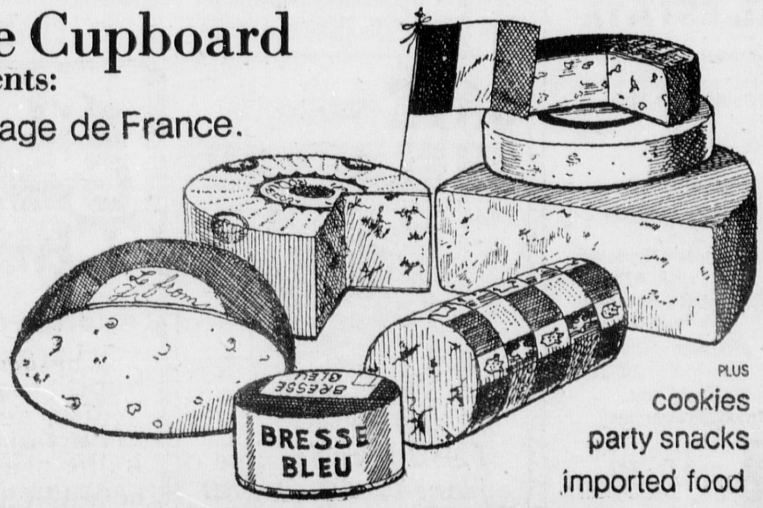

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On the Outside

By JOHN HEDDEN

Two men. Two large, talented basketball players who dominate their game—Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Julius Erving. Since the 1976-1977 National Basketball Association season began, these two have shown that they are the best their game has to offer.

Jabbar, the Los Angeles Lakers' seven-foot two-inch center, led his team to the NBA's best record. No opposing team tries to halt Jabbar—they know he gets his points. They try instead to stop the rest of the Lakers.

The Lakers win despite these tactics, possibly because Jabbar had the league's best shooting percentage and was second in blocked shots, rebounding, and scoring.

Julius Erving, after being sold by the New York Nets to the Philadelphia 76ers at the season's start, had a slow start. Now, as the playoffs gather intensity, Erving has become the league's most feared streak player.

At any moment, Erving can become absolutely unstoppable. He consistently plays well and possesses the ability to spurt for enough points to destroy the opposition.

Specific incidents have shown the domination of Jabbar and the bursts of Erving. Jabbar showed just how unstoppable he can be as he scored forty points, yanked nineteen rebounds and rejected nine shots to enable the Lakers to win their second playoff game against the Golden State Warriors, 95-86.

Erving's most incredible performance this year came in the NBA All-Star game. In only thirty minutes of play against the best players in the western conference, Erving scored thirty points, played solid defense, and had twelve rebounds. In the final quarter, Erving, with thirteen points, enabled the East to rally to within one point of the West.

The NBA is loaded with talented players, but the remarkable thing about Erving and Jabbar is that they can, at any time, single-handedly finish off an opposing team.

These two players are probably equally great and equally valuable to their repective teams, but on the court they are prototypes of two very different approaches to one game. Jabbar plays as consistently as any other player while Erving waits in the shadows until he explodes.

The average fan, upon being asked how many points Jabbar had might respond with half his total because Kareen scores so often and so consistently with close-in, overpowering shots. When asked about Erving, the fan will remember so many swooping dunks that he might double his real point total.

Jabbar, the ultra-consistent giant, and Erving, the explosive, stunning dunk specialist, are the epitome of basketball ability. Their teams are two of the league's best and they are largely responsible for this. Regardless of who becomes NBA champion, most people will get one strong impression from this season: Erving and Jabbar, for the foreseeable future, will be the best in basketball.

Sluggers Slam St. Mike's

By JOHN SOWDON

The Middlebury Panthers regained their hitting touch last week to down Lyndon State 8-3 in the second game of a doubleheader on Wednesday and to romp over St. Michael's 12-7 Friday.

The low point in the week's action was the first game against Lyndon State in which hard luck righthander Rob Race '78 pitched spectacularly only to see his efforts wasted.

Race was the loser in a 2-0 decision, as he reached for one run in the third on a double and a single, and an unearned run in the fifth. That was all as he struck out 7 and allowed just 5 hits and one walk.

But it was not enough as his teamates again failed to give him batting support. Thus far this year the team has yet to score a run for Race.

Despite holding the opposition to just over one earned run per game, Rob sports a disappointing 0-2 record.

The second game started out like it might be more of the same. Greg Birsky ran into first inning difficulites. After walking the two leadoff batters Birsky allowed three singles and walked off the mound trailing 3-0.

The Panthers got one back in the second as Frank Harrison, playing his first game as catcher, pulled off a double steal with Bob Yeadon.

Middlebury needed just one hit to take the lead in the fourth. Luciano Nicasio opened with a walk and was tripled home by Harrison. Walks to Scheufele and O'Hara loaded the bases. With one down a wild pitch and a sacrifice fly gave the Panthers a 4-3 lead.

A two run single by Mike O'Hara in the fifth gave Birsky some breathing room. First baseman Don Mulhern singled home two more in the seventh for the final of 8-3.

Birsky settled down after his shaky start and held the visitors hitless through the last eight innings to gain his third victory against no defeats.

Birsky was the star again on Friday against St. Michael's, this time in a different role. Playing his first game as a rightfielder, he slammed 3 hits, drove home 3 runs, scored 3 himself, and made a spectacular diving catch to lead the Panthers over St. Michael's 12-7.

St. Michael's atrocious fielding handed Middlebury a 5-0 lead in the first. After Scheufele and O'Hara reached on errors Birsky singled up the middle for one.

Two more infield errors meant another run and loaded the bases for Joe Robitaille, who promptly contributed a two run single. Joe Coneeny's sacrifice fly ended the scoring.

Freshman Bob Marchesi took over in the second. Marchesi, obviously suffering control problems, fell behind a number of batters and threw too many pitches. St. Michael's rallied for three runs in the third and a 2 run double that tied the game in the fifth chased Marchesi from the mound.

Mike Souza '79 came in and worked out of the fifth inning jam, but not before a sacrifice fly and single gave St. Mike's a 7-5 lead.

The Panthers came right back to tie without the benefits of any hits. After retiring two batters, St. Michael's starter Ed Johnson walked the bases full. The reliever took his time finding the plate, throwing eight straight wide of the mark, walking Mulhern and Robitaille. This forced in two runs and made a brand new ball game.

The Panthers won the game in the sixth when Birsky slammed a long double to score Feldenzer and O'Hara. Dan Franzcek, who was amazing in the field all day, singled Birsky home and the Panthers led 10-7.

A suicide squeeze by Bob Carrol '77 and a single by Don Mulhern accounted for the last two Middlebury runs.

The next home game is a big one as the Panthers take on traditional rival Williams at 3 pm Wednesday. Middlebury spent the weekend engaged in tournament play at UVM.

Finally the week's pinpoint accuracy award goes to shortstop Mike O'Hara who shattered the windshield of a BMW with a long foul in Friday's game.

Track Loses

By JOHN MACKENNA

Last Saturday, the Middlebury College Track team played host to a squad from Worcester Polytech. While the home team was not the overall winner, many individuals put together the best performances of their lives. The times were so fast that a rumor was born that the track was anywhere from five to twenty yards short. This rumor has no basis in fact.

The most spectacular feat of the day was performed by Middlebury's Iron Man, Peter Horowicz, who won the mile with a time of 4:20. Horowicz started the race a few yards behind the leaders, but by the end of one lap, he was just inches out of first place. During the second lap, he took the lead, and from there he took off.

Mike Rambert had another good race in the 440, beating the closest competitor by six yards with a time of 52.0.

Cedric Johnson posted some fine times in the 100 and 220 yards dashes, but WPI brought an excellent sprinter who forced Johnson to settle for a pair of second place finishes.

In the half mile, three Panthers posted lifetime bests. Chris Baldwin took first place in 1:58.1, while third went to Mark Efinger, who covered the distance in 2:00.5. John MacKenna followed his teammates across the line in 2:05.0.

In the three mile run, Ted Mohlie ran his fastest race ever, finishing third in 15:35. Earlier in the afternoon, Mohlie ran the mile in 4:6.5, another lifetime best. In the same race, Dusty McNichol cruised to the finish in 4:36.0, his fastest ever.

The Panther weight men also enjoyed a good day, taking second place in three events. In the Javelin throw, it was Mike Nee with a toss of 167'6". Dave Parsons grabbed the silver in the Discus with a throw of 134', and Mike Blaine took the red ribbon in the hammer throw with a 110'9" toss. That throw was another lifetime best.

The most exciting moment of the day came in the last event, when the improvised mile relay team of Dan Nourse, Chris Baldwin, Cedric Johnson and Mark Efinger sped to victory with a time of 3:32.

Women's Track Travels

By JOHN MACKENNA

Last Saturday, members of the Middlebury Women's Track Team travelled to Williams College to compete in the New England Small College Atheletic Conference Individual Championships. Even in the absence of Tracy Thompson, who is undefeated in the sprints this spring, the Panthers fared well. Thompson pulled a muscle in the Vermont State Meet on Wednesday.

Karin VonBerg had a super day, finishing first in all four of the events that she entered. Her victories came in the half-mile, the mile, the two-mile, and the long jump. In the latter event, VonBerg jumped 17', her best performance of the year.

Anne Christie also had a good day, finishing second in the the 440 and third in the half-mile. Mary Jo Wagner captured second in the high jump with a leap of 4'5", and Lisa Von Zeigesar ran her traditional strong race to finish well in the two mile.

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Announcements

Women's Union

At the last Women's Union meeting, elections were held for the Steering Committee for the 1977-1978 school year.

Elected were: Gail Wilson, Coordinator; Katie Driver, Cultural Coordinator; Karen Cassedy, Treasurer; and Susie Salzer, Secretary. The position of Publicity Director is still open. Anyone interested in this important post should attend the next general Women's Union meeting. It will be held at 7:00 on May 5 in Johnson Lounge; or contact Gail Wilson, 388-2160.

The movie "Growing Up Female" will be shown at the May 5th meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Shirley Chisholm will be speaking in Mead Chapel on Monday, May 9, at 8;00. There will be a reception afterward.

Final Exams

Students and Faculty Members: Final examination schedules are available at the Information Desk. Please remember that requests for exam changes and/or incompletes must be made to one of the Deans of Students. Normally exam changes will not be made to accommodate work or travel schedules.

Midd Theater

The Middlebury College Theatre Department and the Advanced Directing Class will present three one-act plays, 8 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 6-8 in Wright Theatre.

Presentations scheduled for Friday night include "Ludlow Fair," a poetry reading, and "No Exit." On Saturday, students will present "The Boor," "The Stranger," and "Maid to Marry." Sunday's program will offer "Lemonade," "Birdbath," and "Jewish Wife."

Since there is no admission charge, reservations will not be accepted. The public is urged to arrive at the theatre early because of limited seating.

DNA

Professor Stewart M. Brown, Jr., of Cornell University, will present a paper 8 pm Thursday, May 5 in Room 117 of the Middlebury College Science Center on "The Recombinant DNA Controversy."

His paper on DNA will cover such related issues as a defect in the idea of containment as dealt with in the NIH guidelines, the character of the current debate and a justification for proceeding with research which avoids an impasse.

Students who plan to pursue Internships during Winter Term, 1978 are advised to make arrangements over the summer month. Past experience has convinced the Curriculum Committee that those Internships which were carefully arranged well in advance of the October deadline are often most successful. Further information and application forms are now available in Old Chapel, Fourth Floor.

New Forum Agenda

Student Forum Agenda for May 8, 1977 at 1 pm in Munroe Lounge, the first meeting of new Forum:

1) Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
2) Election of two Community Council members from within Student Forum.
3) Election of two Finance Committee members from within Student Forum.

The new Student Forum at-large representatives will be elected at Registration on Saturday, May 7. Winners will ne posted in Proctor.

Gong Show

The first annual Gong Show of Middlebury College will be held on Saturday night, May 7th, in Proctor dining hall from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Admission is 25¢. Come see spectacular acts performed by both students and faculty!!

Senior Piano Recital

Gwendolyn Toth, a senior at Middlebury College majoring in music, will present her Senior Work Piano Recital on Thursday, May 12, 1977 at 4:15 pm in Mead Chapel. The program includes works by Bach, Beethoven, Crumb and Chopin.

Registration

All fires, bills and loans must be paid prior to Registration, May 7. Students will not be permitted to register until all accounts are cleared. If you have questions please contact Dean McKinney.

Africa?

All those interested in going to Africa next Winter Term please attend the meeting in Dean Spencer's office at 2 pm on Friday, May 6.

Kaleidoscope Opportunities

Kaleidoscope is seeking applications for the 1977-78 yearbook staff. The positions are: Editor (salary), Assistant Editor (salary), Photography Editor (phone), Ad Manager (commission), and general staff, expecially photographers. Please send your name, box number, and experience to Ginni Jones, Box C3524 by April 13.

Lifeguards

There will be tryouts for next year's lifeguards this Thursday, May5th at 5 pm. WSI is required.

Senior Activities

Seniors: Student Activity cards should be completed and returned to the Dean of Students office.

Frat Rates

All fraternities will be charging the same summer room rates this summer: $225 for the summer, with a $50 deposit due by June 1.

Inquire at each individual frat for room draw dates and other necessary information.

Clark on Wright

Professor Robert J. Clark of Princeton University will lecture at 4:15 pm Thursday, May 5, in Dana Auditorium on "Frank Lloyd Wright and the Arts and Crafts Movement."

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'66 Mustang, V-8 289, dependable, Goodyear steel belted radials, 4 extra rims, clean engine, $375. Write Colyn Case, Box C2010, Middlebury, VT, including name and phone number.

For Sale: '69 Plymouth station wagon, $175 or best offer. Contact Katie Lange, Box C3628, 388-9497.

Study in New York City this summer. Columbia University offers over 400 undergraduate and professional school courses. For a bulletin write: Sumer Session, Columbia University, 102C Low, N.Y., N.Y. 10027.

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Tickets

All tickets must be paid within 48 hours. Failure to do so will result in a $5 late fine. In the case of non-payment, the vehicle will be impounded for 30 days. Full payment must be made before the vehicle is released.

Frontiers Artwork

Those who submitted artwork to **Frontiers** may get it back by going to David Bumbeck's office on the fourth floor of Johnson. It is in a marked folder.

Anyone interested in the position of Art-Editor for next year is welcome to meet with the outgoing critical board on Friday, May 6 at 4:00 in the figure drawing studio in Johnson.

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A Guiness For The Gods ? Lord Odin Robison ?

By DARK HORSEY

The omniscient, omnipotent All-father Odin (like in Olin?) was furious. He stormed through the entrance to the Valhalla Memorial Meeting Chamber and marched directly to his seat at the head of the table.

"I hereby call this meeting of the gods of Old Asgard to order," he bellowed, and pounded the table with the symbolic hammer that he had removed from the possession of his son, Thor.

Thor was not at the meeting but was instead out to lunch, as were many of the residents of Old Asgard during the time of this particular meeting. The grass on the heavenly hillsides had grown particularly green as the result of a long period of storm raised by the might of Thor and his hammer. These days everyone enjoyed sitting on the green grass, sharing picnic lunches, and saying how they hoped the grass would stay this green forever now that the storm had ended.

"My lord Odin," said the Fair Ikka to the raging deity, "thou dost seem most perturbed."

"You bet your authoritarian attitude I'm perturbed," roared Odin. "I just received word from one of my cherubs stationed in Midd-gard that there are still some places in Midd-gard Kingdom where no trees have been planted."

The chamber was silent.

"Well?" demanded Odin. "Is it true?"

Balder-the-Brave McKinney was the god who spoke. "I-It is possible, my liege," he said softly.

"Possible!" exploded Odin. "Do you mean to tell me that you are not capable of carrying out even the most simple of my commands? Why do you think I've had a dozen and a half new trees planted during the past two weeks along the walkways leading to the SDU's? I did it because I intended that to be the first step in a crusade to cover every available inch of land in that kingdom with trees. Do you think it is the will of the gods that the students have open land on which to romp and play and enjoy themselves? No way!

"Now you listen to me, and you listen good. I want trees planted—tens, hundreds, thousands of them—everywhere you see a patch of open ground. Everywhere you discover a servant throwing a Frisbee. Everywhere you catch a servant relaxing and reading Shakespeare. In every lounge, hallway, and lavatory throughout the land. Everywhere and anywhere. including Battell and Porter Fields. Ya got that?"

"Yes, my liege," said Balder humbly.

"I think it's about time that kingdom was made beautiful in the eyes of the gods. I'm sick and tired of all the openness. And when you've finished with the fields, dormitories and grassy areas, start tearing up the sidewalks and plant trees there as well."

"As you wish, Father Odin," said Balder.

Odin banged Thor's hammer against the table again and took a long, deep breath.

"Now then—" he said, in a much relieved tone, "since we have that matter all cleared up, let's proceed with the regular meeting, shall we?" He sat in his imperial chair and a warm and saintly smile came over his face. "What have my fellow, subordinate gods to report?"

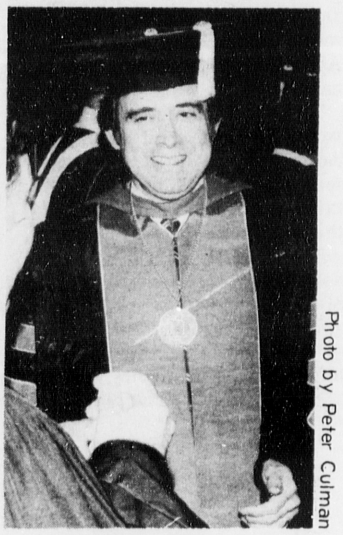
Carl the Grim was the first to reply. "We are faced with a serius problem which calls for thea id of thy infinite wisdom, my lord."

"And what be the problem?" asked Odin.

"There has come a proposal to reduce the number of block room draws made available to our servants in Midd-gard," said Carl. "But our mystic observations reveal the subjects are in opposition to the proposal."

"Then by all means go through with it," directed the All-father. "We shall not be ruled by the whimperings of our underlings. So be it! Next report."

"We are faced with a dilemma in Freshmen housing, O Wise One," said Jill, the Norn Queen. "The housing guidelines we have used in previous years will prove inadequate fo the number of new servants we are expecting to



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arrive in Midd-gard this fall."

"In that case we will need to reserve some additional dormitory space for our incoming servitors," pondered the All-father. "And in my all-encompassing logic I conclude the most sensible location to reserve for incoming freshmen would be...Atwater-Davis."

"Thou art truly amazing, my liege," lauded the wide-eyed Fair Ikka. "How is it that thou makest so wise and rapid a decision?"

"It's quite simple actually," explained Odin. "Atwater begins with an "A" and so does Asgard. You see? What other logical choice could there be?"

All the gods in the chamber gasped and murmured in reverence of the unapproachable wisdom of their lord and master.

"Better still", cried Odin with a sudden exuberance that cut short the murmurs. "Let us use those halls specifically for the purpose of housing "socially aggressive freshmen". The isolated location will be ideal for them."

An even louder murmur than the first began to go from the gods, but Carl the Grim interrupted.

"My lord, what meanest thou by the term "socially aggressive?" And how is it that we shall separate these servants from the others?"

"Don't pester the All-father with trifles," said Odin.

Carl retreated, obediently.

"Be ye advised, Father, that we must assign Junior Counselors to live with these deliberately segregated newcomers to Midd-gard," cautioned Jill the Norn Queen.

"Ah, yes,..." contemplated Odin. "That is a problem."

"If I may, my liege," said fair Ikka, "might I propose we employ the usual, arbitrary procedure for Junior Counselor room placement. Simply allow them to draw numbers as they always do. We need not inform those J.C.'s whose fate it becomes to reside in Atwater-Davis of the categorization of their co-residents until after the draw. Thus, 'tis most certain the J.C.'s living in Atwater- Davis will likely be the ones least interested in undertaking such a challenge and least happy in their positions."

"Fair Ikka, you are truly a wonder," praised Odin.

Fair Ikka blushed.

"Next report," said Odin.

"Father Odin, the decision hath been made to cease our practice of rebating those servants in Midd-gard who choose not to partake of the sacred morsels which they majestic hand layeth before them," said Balder McKinney.

"The decision seems to me a wise one," said Odin.

"But again there rises opposition..."

"Then stand firm," commanded Odin. "The more firm, the better. In fact, in my infinite knowledge I recommend you charge students who go off the Midd-gard meal plan more than other students. Charge them for the food they cause us to throw away. And while I'm on the subject of money, I want you to start drawing up a new tuition plan that will enable us to continue to charge students tuition after they've graduated. I don't care how you go about it. Just have it on my throne within two weeks."

"As you wish, my liege," said Balder.

"Next?"

"The trial period hath ended for one of thy high priests in Midd-gard, my liege," said the Fair Ikka. "Now 'tis time to pass thy judgement."

"His name?" queried Odin.

"John-the-Gentle Conron," said Fair Ikka. "With thy leave, my lord, I would indicate to you that the servants of Midd-gard are very fond of said priest."

"Can him," said Odin. "Next?"

From the far end of the meeting table there came a whispering, hollow voice.

"Be ye informed, Father Odin, that we have refused a request by the Midd-gardians to institute a pass/fail option in their kingdom."

"Who is it that speaks?" asked the All-father. He was unable to determine whence originated the voice because the table was so long.

"'Tis of little import," said the voice. "I issue to many the words made law by few. My message is all that truly matters. And the message is that there shall be no pass/fail. We have spoken."

"So be it," declared Odin. He came to his feet and pounded Thor's hammer once again. "Indeed there is much qe have achieved here this day," he proclaimed. "Ere we take leave of the Chamber for the festival of celebration I am about to proclaim, is there any other report which here should be discussed?"

No one spoke.

"Then let us retire to the feast. But first, let us send forth a messenger to the great god Guiness, keeper of all records. Surely the number of irrational and insensitive decisions made here today far exceeds the number made on any other day in the history of godhood."

A great shout of triumph went up from the Chamber. But suddenly, unexpectedly, into the chamber burst the youthful Thor. Without hesitation he leaped onto the massive table and stood before the assemblage of hushed gods and goddesses.

"Methinks thou dost celebrate thy triumph too soon," Thor proclaimed. "I have heard the shouts of the united servants of Midd-gard, and they are angry shouts. So loud and angry are the shouts that 'twould seem the Midd-gardians have traveled the full distance of the Rainbow Bridge created by my earlier storm and found themselves returned once again to a lowly ground. So loud were the shouts that they interrupted my picnic feast. Icould not stay out to lunch. Nor could any of the others who have been out to lunch with me. But had we to return here to warn you."

"Know you not, my son, that you speak to a father whose knowledge is vast beyond comprehension?" asked Odin. "Whose wisdom knows no bounds?"

"What value knowledge and wisdom if they be not sensibly applied?" asked Thor. "Methinks 'tis time thou didst return mine hammer to me, oh lord. For the grass begins to brown. And 'tis best I used my hammer to bring the gentle rain to stave off the deterioration ere a full new storm be necessary."

"Aye," agreed the Fair Ikka. "The words spoken by the youth are words best heeded. For though 'tis true we are gods today, lest we be gods who meet the needs of our people, we are naught more than myth tomorrow."

Policy Change

By KURT DUHLMAN

President Robinson announced a widespread change in policy today, (what, again?) aimed at 1) reducing college expenses, and 2) allowing more student participation in administrative decisions.

Toward the first goal, Robinson announced that the Security Force squad car is being junked because of its poor gas mileage and "ugly scratches on the left door." As a replacement, the school is purchasing two horses and a wagon—sled combination unit, which will be stored and stabled in a shed next to Proctor.

Robinson said, "Not only does this move save over 3000 rubles per semester, but it has the added bonus of free fertilizer and effective distribution without labor costs." He also noted that two horses will allow Security to patrol the campus more rapidly, but did admit that keg confiscation could be more difficult during the muddy season.

The President also informed the community of new water conservation measures designed to prevent "indiscriminate, wasteful use of facilities." He said that water would be turned on only for three two-hour periods each day, once each in the morning, afternoon, and evening, in order to minimize unneeded use.

Exceptions to this restriction were listed as Old Chapel, the library, and certain professors' offices, because "they require special services to remove the excess amount of waste material produced in the normal course of a day."

Robison also noted that additional shrubbery will be planted around the campus for "those special cases."

In yet another economy maneuver, Robinson announced that he was going to put one-third of the faculty on Sabbatical leave, on a rotating basis. Their places will be filled by senior majors from each department.

On increased student participation, Robinson stated that students will have a deciding vote in all policy matters except those where "there is a clear and present danger that they might make a mistake." He went on to say that he hoped this would foster a cooperating community spirit at the college and prevent "all those misguided youngsters from writing nasty things about me."

The President acknowledged that this action still might not satisfy the "more demanding radicals," so he announced yet another reform. Effective immediately, the college will turn all administrative duties over to students for one day per month. This, he felt, should pacify even the most ardent supporters of student rights. When asked about possible administrative mixups due to this set-up, he said, "I expect very few, since all vital records will be locked up when the regular administration is off campus."

According to Robinson, the changes were made because of "effective student action" in the form of bomb scares and hold-ups during the past few weeks. However, he claims to harbor no grudges, for "they were only pointing out some very pertinent issues." He did not mention any plans for letting the involved students out of Forest basment.

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Israeli Fair Honors Inmates With Dreams

By JOHN CRAWDAD AND BC TOYOTA

Reaffirming their decision to fill Atwater and Davis dormitories with "socially-agressive" freshmen next year, the Deans have announced that an "unusual selection" of students had been admitted for Middlebury's Class of 1981.

Atwater-Davis dorms are located so far off the center of the campus that they're known as "the provinces" to Middlebury students. Said Professor David Rastenburgh (Political Science): "They (Atwater-Davis) are so far off center that they're on the extreme of the far left. The Deans will definitely need to reinforce assimilationist tendencies if they expect the freshmen to become part of the main body-politic of the College."

Said Professor Hairy "Red" Guy (Political Science), "As usual, Rastengurgh doesn't know what the crap he's talking about. You're not going to quote me, are you?"

We did.

The Deans announced this week that many of the freshmen selected to live in Atwater-Davis next year are young, blonde and buxom lasses who live in the area of 42nd Street in New York City.

"We figure they'll be a pretty confident bunch," said Dean of Studs Erica Whattabunch. "From the recommendations we've gotten, we hear that they're not afraid to walk up to strangers to ask them what's up, what they're doing, you know, that sort of thing."

Compost reporters discovered that at least 30 of the 60 students selected to live in the dorms (that's one half of them, Bob—edit this to read more smoothly if you want—Love, John) have police records for prostitution.

During the course of the investigation, at least one **Compost** reporter was picked up by New York police for making "lewd advances" at a police decoy. The College Finance Committee is presently considering whether to post bail.

Assistant Dean of Studs Arnold Ziffle said that while many of the students selected for Atwater-Davis do indeed have "morals which are somewhat in a grey area." The Dorms will nevertheless house "a diversity of student types."

"Hell, honkey, there's lots of types. Blondes, brunettes, redheads. Who knows? I think there's even one who's bald--no, no, the other type of bald. I suppose they've all balled the other way," said Ziffle.

Dean Whattabunch emphasized that "sexual aggressiveness" should not be considered as being the sole criterion for the freshmen's admission.

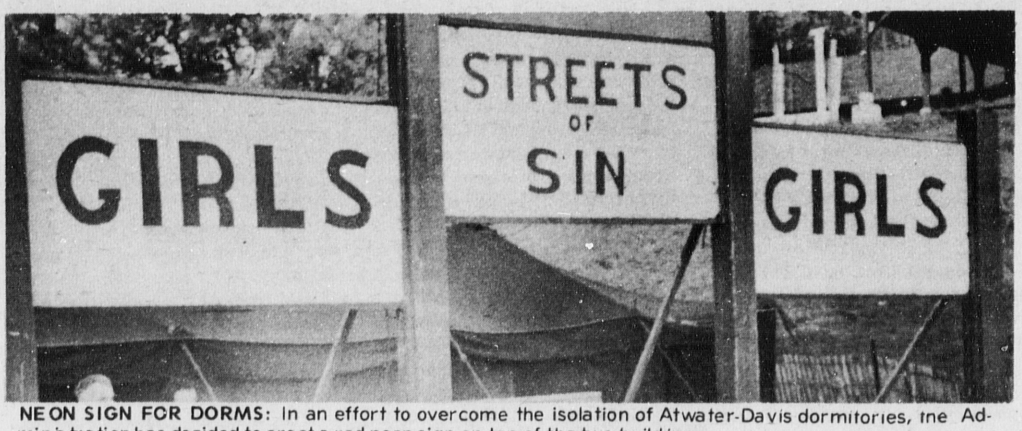
"I suppose some of them must also know how to type," she said. "Wow, can you imagine that? That's even better than us Deans!"

Ziffle also noted that " there are many ways of defining what's socially aggressive."

"You'll also note that a lot of the freshmen next year will have slanty eyes. That's 'cuz we figure they're descended from Genghis Khan and all those other Mongol Whordes. There wasn't no guy who was more socially aggressive than Genghis. He was a real bad dude."

The Deans have also announced that Atwater and Davis may be renamed Attica and Bellevue , respectively.

The main reason for the decision, according to Whattabunch, was the lack of protest on the part of the incoming freshmen. "I interpreted the silence as a sign of support," she remarked. "In such a period of turmoil as this, " she added, "it's really uplifting to know that you're doing the right thing for once."



NEON SIGN FOR DORMS: In an effort to overcome the isolation of Atwater-Davis dormitories, the Administration has decided to erect a red neon sign on top of the two buildings.

Incoming freshmen with past prison records will be assigned to Attica, while those considered less stable will be housed in Bellevue.

To verify Whattabunch's claim that she had received no negative responses from next year's freshman class, the **Compost** attempted to contact a member of that class. Unfortunately, Charles Manson of San Quentin, California who has been assigned to Attica second floor was unavailable for comment.

In justifying her decision, Whattabunch remarked, "instead of having a lot of unhappy upper-classmen in Attica-Bellevue, we might as well have a lot of unhappy freshmen."

Whattabunch noted that "the new dorms had originally been built for SDU food storage. Gordy (Bridges), however, developed such an efficient method of storing food that we soon found that the building was unnecessary. Since it was already completed, the Administration decided instead of storing cans and boxes, why not students?"

Asked what alternatives would be available for those who found Attica-Bellevue unsatisfactory, Whattabunch responded: "Realistically those poor suckers will be stuck there for the year. After all, who would be dumb enough to switch rooms with them?"

The Deans did emphasize, however, that the Administration was taking preventive measures to reduce student unrest. In addition to installing prison bars across the windows to make the newcomers feel at home, the Deans have decided to build more sidewalks leading from Attica-Bellevue to the rest of the campus.

The policy of more sidewalks would be consistent with the Administration's motto, "let your feet do the walking." Whattabunch warned, however, "that this motto should not be confused with the Administration's theme song which was adopted from the Mickey Mouse Club."

To make good on her promise to "bring the rest of the campus out" to Attica-Bellevue, Whattabunch has scheduled a wet t-shirt contest in the band room next year. This event will not only bring the college community closer to Attica-Bellevue but it will also give the new freshmen more student exposure than has been customary in the past.

The Deans also emphasized that they will make every effort possible to break down the isolation of Attica-Davis. **Compost** reporters have learned that those efforts will probably include neon signson top of the dorms that can be seen from as far away as Vergennes, and enforced study halls in the SDU's.

"Oh, didn't we tell you about the study halls?" said Whattabunch. "I suppose it's a rather high-schoolish move, but it's what the President of the College wants. Next year, students will be scheduled for mandatory study halls. We may also require hand signals in class if you want to get permission from the professor to go out to the bathroom."

(Editor's note from Bob: This article really bites. You think I'm going to print this filth? You trying to get my diploma taken away? Make sure you see me on this, Ned, or I'll ruin you.)

Carter Asks Authority to Penalize

Hundreds of Thousands of Blacks

By: N.M.E. AGENT

Last week, in a clutch move, the Middlebury College Security force assassinated President Olin Robison, and declared the campus under martial law. The coup d'etat occured in the wake of Robison's declaration last Thursday that as Tsar, he held "supreme command" over Campus Security.

In his first statement released since the takeover, Generalissimo Fred Spencer justified the action saying, "We did it in the interest of individual freedoms." Generalissimo Spencer has announced that he will exercise dictatorial control over the college community only until the Board of Trustees can meet to vote upon a new president.

In addition, the college has been renamed The Spencer Institute for Social Obedience.

Hundreds of students, freed from the Presidential Palace project, cheered Spencer from outside Carr Hall until they were dispersed with tear gas. The Palace project, referred to by students as "The Edifice Complex", had been initiated by the late Robison to construct a residence "more befitting a ruler of (his) stature."

The entire senior class had been put to work on the project which called for a 35 acre stone structure to be constructed on College street by early July.

Robison had called the project "A viable alternative to bussing, and a fine way for seniors to gain work experience which they could otherwise not be expected to know intuitively."

The change of command leaves idle over 600 Middlebury seniors who had been occupied with dragging three ton granite blocks from neighboring Leister Quarry in gangs.

Said Generalissimo Spencer, "Robison's fascist exploitations are over." He also announced plans to begin remodelling Old Chapel, to convert it to a museum of Campus Security History. The surviving deans, together with the trustees of the college, will be put to work on the project and afterwards, according to Spencer, "will probably be shot." The Student Forum protested that view, saying that "hanging would be more appropriate."

Spencer also told students a new building project would be started immediately. "Spencer Hall", to be completed on the old presidential palace sight, will be raised with the help of the **entire** student body.

These spoiled bourgeois pigs must learn what it is to **really** work" said Spencer, "just like I did when I was their age. No more crap-mouthed pontificating like Robison used to do. He, unlike myself, lacked testicular fortitude."

The hall, which will serve as Generalissimo Spencer's new residence, has been ordered completed by late May.

The Middlebury College Security Force relaxes for a moment after a successful coup d'etat.

Seamy and Shallow

The Finance Committee has decided to publish its first annual year-end awards.

To BSU: The "But I assure you this band is superb, man" Award.

To French Club: The Blank Check Award, for never coming to one of our meetings.

To EQ: the "But I could have sworn I told her not to get printed posters" Award. Please pick up your award at the Addison Press.

To SSIS: The "I'm sorry we couldn't get our mid-year review in on time, because January was a busy month" Award. We hereby allocate 500 balloons to protect them through next year.

To Hillel: The "But you can't get a decent meal anywhere for under $80" Award. A gift certificate from Tour D'Argent will be awarded from their disgressionary fund.

To the Pre-Law Club: The "We would like to bring Jimmy Hoffa here to speak" Award. Get your money from Attorney General Levy.

To Dance Club: The "Closed Workshop Off-Campus" Award. Try to find it.

To Course Guide: No award, because 61.93% of the committee was too lazy to vote on it.

To the Faculty Lunch Program: The "We're out to lunch" Award. One elephant scabber.

To Frontiers: The "But it is my magazine" Award. But it is our money....

To Student Forum: The "Could we put pass/fail (pass/no credit?) on the agenda again?" Award. We will decide whether or not to allocate this award after further deliberation.

To Women's Union: The "We don't cook" Award. There will be a pot-luck dinner at Ms. Piggy Nelson's following Shirley Chisholm's lecture.

To Spanish Club: The "It is understood that you all are welcome at the Taco Dinner" Award. Perhaps we can be bribed to give you this award.

The Finance Committee, last and least does hereby allocate to itself $2400 to commit ourselves to a mental hospital in Bermuda. The above figure does not include an allocation of $960 for eight (8) telephones (with unlisted numbers), so that we can keep in touch with the **Campus** and WRMC-FM, but they can never call us.

Disrespectfully submitted,

Michael Elwin Don Munroe
Barb Kritchevsky Kevin O'Leary
Dave Tauck

P.S. If you don't print this, we will freeze all your funds.

BEN LINCOLN
Your Completely Honest Variety Store
Main Street
Downtown Middlebury, Honestly

New York F.B.I. Men Said to Link Nations Violating Nuclear Accords

By JIM LABEL

The faculty of Middlebury College approved a series of sweeping changes last week designed to further equality on campus.

"There should be no discrimination in any phase of college life—there should be an equal opportunity for everybody" said Dean of the College John Suspender, "This new program is designed to eliminate inequality at Middlebury College."

The first part of the program will enact an Anti-Honor Code beginning with final exams this spring. All students will be required to write the following on their exam books: "I have given and received aid to the best of my ability on this exam."

"Under the old honor code system, only a few students were able to cheat," explained Suspender. "This wasn't fair to everyone else since some students had an advantage over other students."

Suspender explained that with the new Anti-Honor Code pledge, exams will become fairer since all students will be able to cheat.

During final exams, professors will be in classrooms to insure that no one evades the new system by trying to do the entire exam all by himself.

The second part of the College equalization program will set up one College Stealing Night per semester. Under the old system, only a few people were able to steal food from the college dining halls, and other items from other college buildings.

"It is not fair that only a few people are able to steal items from the College—everybody deserves a chance," claimed Suspender.

College Stealing Night will take place one night each semester. From midnight until 2:00 am there will be no Campus Security patrol. Doors in all college buildings will be unlocked, and the town police will be alerted not to stop anyone stealing items. In addition, the College will provide pick-up trucks on a limited basis for those who wish to haul large items away.

The third part of the program would change the course registration process. The purpose of the new Reverse Registration program is to give professors an equal chance to register the students they would like to have in their classes.

"In the past, students have had a chance to pick which professors they would like for their classes. Now professors will have a chance to pick the students," said Suspender.

The procedure for Reverse Registration would be simple. All 1800 Middlebury students will sit at desks in McCullough Gymnasium in alphabetical order. The professors will then come around with their registration cards and pick the students for their classes.

No student will be allowed to be in more than four courses. To prevent a long line of professors from forming outside of McCullough in the early morning hours, a computer number lottery system will be set up. Professors will be first, then associate professors, and so on.

Administrative personnel will be last. Of course.

The fourth part of the program is aimed at making the financial aid program fairer as well. In the past, only students from low-income families were allowed financial aid, which wasn't fair to high-income families.

Under the new system, financial aid will be available for a selected group of students who pass certain minimum requirements: their parents must earn more than $100,000 a year, the student must own a European sports car not more than two years old, must have a stereo system capable of pushing out 200 watts, at least two bank accounts, and a Trust Fund in their name.

Strollin' With Olin

MIDDLEBURY WEEKLEY CALLENDAR

Monday, May 30:

At 12:00 President Robison will give a lecture in Mead Chapel entitled, "In Celebration of Myself." Attendance will be taken. All units will be closed.

Tuesday, May 31

From 9:00 to 12:00 President Robison will speak in Wright Theater. His lecture: "My Washington Prospects." A five minute question and answer period will follow. Individuals will be specifically responded to on specific issues.

From 1:00 to 7:30 President Robison will speak on "The Derivation of the name Holy Olie." There will be no question and answer period. Location to be announced.

Wednesday, June 1

President Robison will hold open office hours from 1:00 to 1:25 to explain gratitude to all of Middlebury's black students. All classes for the day will be cancelled.

Thursday, June 2

President Robison will conduct a seminar in the seminar room in Old Chapel. Topic: "My CIA Connections." By invitation only. Times to be announced. Classes will be cancelled this day in order to allow the President appropriate time to set seminar meeting hours.

Friday, June 3

President Robison will speak in Mead Chapel from 12:00 to 3:00 (see Monday above for dining hall hours). His text will be: "Myself." Wright Theater will seat the overflow audience, the speech to be projected by special closed circuit television. (The communication network was provided by the CIA but the request for its use, the President wished to make perfectly clear, was written on his own personal stationery.)

Saturday, June 4

All College activities are cancelled. The President will spend his first Saturday on Campus as a symbolic gesture for what he has done for Middlebury College.

Sunday, June 5

The President will conduct religious services in sixteen different faiths in whch he is ordained. Asked how he managed such diversity, President Robison responded: "I winged it."

Holy Olie Does It Again

By CAROLA CAROLLA

Olin Robison proclaimed himself Tsar of the College this week and ordered an immediate closing of the Student Forum.

The action came abruptly in the face of recent student protest concerning the Administration's decison to abolish students at Middlebury College (See other article.)

Sources close to the Administration say that Robison decided to proclaim himself Tsar on the advice of his friend Lef Yashin, Assistant Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union.

"We had a Tsar here in Russia for quite some time," Yashin said in an exclusive telephone interview with **The Compost**. "He was quite effective. Not everyone liked him, but he got things done. A Tsar or a Kommisar—what's in a name?"

Robison announced he would seize dictatorial control of the College after addressing College janitors in a seven-hour pep talk in Mead Chapel. He reassured the College that "you have nothing to fear from me. My action is motivated solely by my love of the College. The peasants—or rather students, need someone to love them and to take care of their needs. I can show them the path to truth, justice, and the Soviet way. There are some things that eighteen year-olds can't be expected to know intuitively."

Robison said he was ordering the Student Forum to be shut down because it reminded him "too much of the Dumas—always yelling, arguing, and never getting anything done. Just like the dumb ass Dumas that Tsar Nicholas had to put up with."

Sophomore Terry Dumas said she was "flabbergasted" at Robison's charge and couldn't understand why he was "picking on" her.

Professor Nicholas Clifford (History) could not be reached for comment.

Robison's announcement was met by initially fierce student protest. Members of Gay People at Middlebury , a rump group of Student Forum, attempted to organize a sit-in in opposition to Robison, but effective student action was made impossible by the arrival of 500 Russian paratrooper on campus.

Tsar Olin I smiles after recent victory. Little did he know .....

"This is obviously a well-planned move," said WRMC Station Manager Jonathan Fart. "I think we now know what the real negotiations were focused on during Professor Baker's trip to Moscow earlier this semester."

Robison said that the 500 Russian paratroopers were invited to Middlebury as part of "a cultural exchange." He indicated that the Soviet government has agreed to receive a similar number of students at a small liberal arts detention camp in Siberia.

"I like to use my contacts as fully as possible on behalf of the College," said Robison.

Members of the college community chose for the cultural exchange with the Soviets include members of the Student Forum, the editors of **The Compost**, the news staff of WRMC-FM, and three anonymous professors.

At last report, the 500 Russian paratroopers, who are staying in the Deanery, were described as being "well-behaved." The only incident involving the group came on Tuesday when Professor Murray Dry (Political Science) was dragged out of Warner Hemicycle and summarily shot for "teaching capitalist, bourgeois, fascist propaganda about the American Political Regime."

Professor Dry was unavailable for comment.

The United States Government has refused to comment about the presence of Russian troops in Vermont. Secretary of State Flatulance Vance was quoted as saying "My old friend Olie knows what he's doing."

The Governor of Massachusetts, Mike "Duke" Kickass, expressed "satisfaction" at the Russian presence, saying that "it serves Vermont right for having tried to annex Nantucket."

Students petitioned President Jimmy Carter on Wednesday to condemn Robison's action and the Russian occupation of the College on the grounds that it violates human rights. But Carter replied that "Holy Olie's a Baptist just like me, and a Southerner too. You think I'm going to intervene? We share the same attitudes and views."

Martin Luther King, Sr. said that he wasn't certain what the significance of Robison's actions are, but did concede that "it seems like he's being a bit of a twit."

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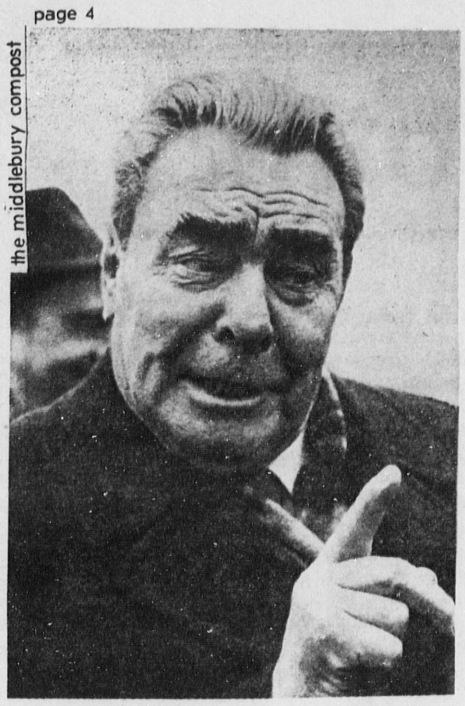
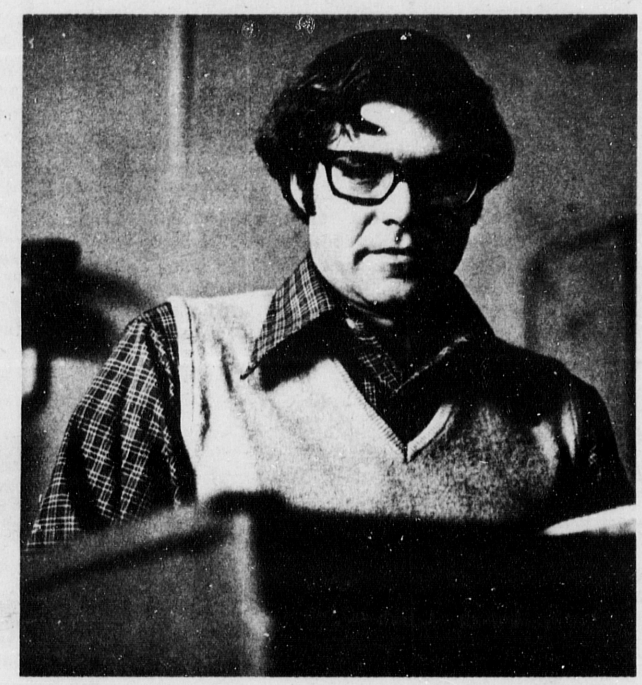


The Argo Merchant "Untimely Leak" Award for Good Sportsmanship: to the coach of a rival college's ski team, who relieved himself on Proctor Terrace during Winter Carnival.

The Charlie Brown "Grace Under Pressure" Award: to Professor Robert Pack who remained stoically silent while his poetry was inanely torn apart and dissected in public.



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The Amy Vanderbilt "I Know Where Award for Fine Etiquette: to Presid for locking the front doors of Fores Trustees were meeting inside, thus outside.

The Lux Dishwashing "I Can See My Bibulous Narcissicism: to President having a portrait of himself placed coffee break room in Old Chapel.

The King George III "Shot Heard Ro Quote of the Year Award: to Presid for gaining national publicity for hi "There are some things which an e ought not be expected to know intu

The Rhett Butler "Frankly, My Dear Damn" Award: to President Olin Ro a proxy to announce that he would annual senior dinner.

The "Frankly, Olie, Neither Do We" seniors who applauded and cheere ment in front of the Trustees.

The Rodney Dangerfield "We Wish Been Otherwise" Award: to Presid who gave our contributors so much back on him.

The Washington Post's "When We Latch On To a Story, We Really Run It Into a Grave" Richard Nixon Memorial Award: to *The Campus* for headlining the arrest of two Middlebury students on drug charges, and then never bothering to report that they were later found innocent.

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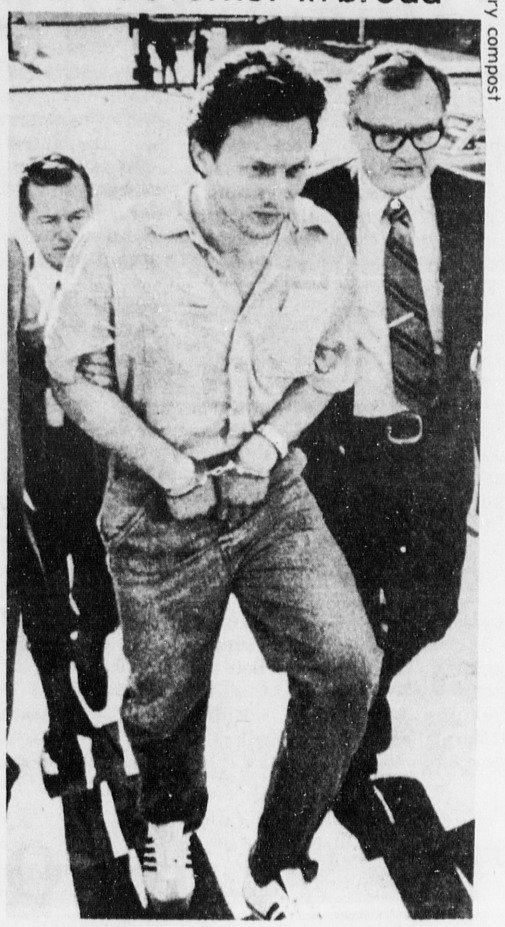
The Willie Sutton "If you Keep It Up, You'll Be Making Them" Award: to Mark Cater '78, who stole the license plates of the Vermont Lieutenant Governor in broad daylight in front of Proctor.



The Howard Johnson "You Can Eat It Here or You Can Take It Out" Award for Fine Dining: to former Food Services Director Gordon Bridges. No one knows what he did, but it seems like a good award for him.

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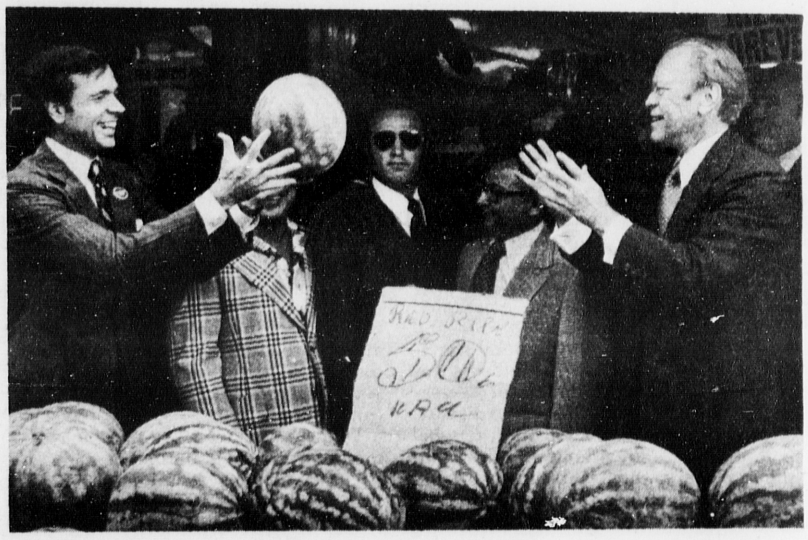

The Lester Maddox "Gee Whiz, Boss, Ain't You Nice to Me" Award for Racial Harmony: to College Dining Services for serving watermelon at lunch on Martin Luther King Day.

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Students To Be Abolished 'Alumni Will Love It'

By KEITH TRAUMA

Emphasizing its desire to be "leader in innovations" among small liveral arts colleges, Middlebury College announced this week that students would be abolished.

"It's a terrific idea," said College President Olin Robison. "The parents and alumni will love it. It opens up exciting new possibilities in liberal education."

According to the Administration, no new students will be admitted to the College after Fall 1977. Professors will tape their lectures and broadcast them over WRMC—FM. Diplomas will then be awarded to the first 400 people who each year call up the radio station and correctly guess the answers to oral comprehensive exams.

Dean of the College Idi Amin Dada said the decision to abolish on-campus students will "reaffirm and intensify" Middlebury's small and close-knit character.

"It won't do much for its residential character, but students have already shown that they don't care about that aspect, through their recent protests concerning rebates," said Dada.

College Treasurer Carroll Rickets said he was overjoyed at the decision since it "makes sense financially."

"We won't have to worry about dormitories and eating facilities," Rikert said. "It'll greatly reduce our overhead costs. We'll be able to devote funds to more important matters, such as recarpeting the offices here in Old Chapel."

WRMC-FM protested the College's decision, pointing out that the broadcast of professors' lectures "will greatly reduce the amount of air time we can give to inane disc jockeys."

The radio station also expressed doubt as to whether professors' lectures could conform to Federal Communications Commission standards regarding obscenity.

Students have generally reacted with anger and distress at the College's decision. One group which approached Dean Dada said, however, that they were rebuffed with the remark: "What do you care? You aren't going to be here anyway."

Gay People at Middlebury, a rump group of Student Forum, attempted to organize a sit-in protest of the College's decision, but were prevented by the arrival of 500 Russian paratroopers on campus. The Russians were sent by the Soviet government to support Robison's recent proclamation of himself as Tsar of the College.

"The students are being wholly unreasonable," Robison said. "They're too self-indulgent anyway. Can't they see that this is aimed at improving the College environment?"

Students were unavailable for comment.

This Poem Stinks

T'was the night before finals, and all through the class

All the students were wondering just how they could pass.

All the eye lids were hung from the stress and the strain,

As gallons of caffein carreened through their veins.

The library buzzed with the turning of pages

As weary minds pondered the authors and sages.

Then all of a sudden, the blue books unfurled.

They wrote in their essays of life and the world.

They wrote about Plato, they wrote about Marx,

They wrote about photons and protons and quarks.

Then quick as a flash, the three hours ended

And equally quickly their knowledge recended.

The craving they'd harbored for knowledge all year

Was reduced to a violent craving for beer.

T'was the night after finals and all of the class

Was complacently partied and stoned off their ass.

LENNY SALTZ '79

The Writing On The Walls

By TOMAWCRAP WHOKINPRONOUNCEIT

It has long been agreed among those of us whose opinions matter, that Middlebury professors by and large, are a ragged collection of anal-retentive, pseudo-intellectual bullshitters. The anemic list of publications they offer as pathetic proof of their cerebral majesty in the admissions catalogue (easily recognized as fantasized, bought, or stolen) would seemingly support such a conclusion. Without suggesting that they're not an overachieving bunch of snivelling whimps, there may now be an indication of some infant creativity among their ranks.

The Middlebury faculty's most worthwhile thoughts are not inscribed in lofty journals, nor weighty volumes, but gouged into the stalls of the Munroe faculty restrooms.

A member of the History department has leaked samples from the "Robison Memorial Library," as the bathroom has been renamed. Citing normal scholarly ambitions of personal advancement as reasons, the source has furnished **The Compost** with samples of grafitti which allegedly have been accumulating on the doors and walls of the faculty restrooms on the third floor of Munroe.

"You can tell which parts were written by the faggots in the English Department," said the source. "They can't shit and think at the same time. None of them are half as smart as Daddy was. I'm a Catton too you know."

Though preferring to remain anonymous, the source added, "Most of the stuff's Tillinghast's."

In an attempt to confirm the documents, **The Compost** entered the "Robison Room" but was turned away by Professor Pardon Tillinghast (History).

"Trying to catch me with my pants down, are you? This is our crapper," Tillinghast said, pounding his chest not unlike Tarzan. "We fought for it. Go take a dump with the stinking illiterate masses if you have to."

When questioned about the incident, President Olin Robison giggled uncontrollably for ten minutes.

Asked to comment on the accusation that Tillinghast was at the bottom of it all, Dean of the College John Spencer said, "Of course it's Tillinghast. He makes more than anyone else so naturally he has to spend more time in there. He's full of such material."

In a telephone interview from his tower office atop Munroe, Tillinghast told **The Compost**: "It's a frameup...yes, a frameup. They're all jealous of me, just like the dissertation board. This would never happen at Harvard. Baffi Dunno E Duorum!!"

The following is a smattering of the material in the Munroe Faculty restrooms:

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Bullshit is the Vaseline of Social Intercourse.

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Why are we people, not rocks?

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LSD consumes 47 times its weight in excess reality.

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Long distance runners keep it up longer.

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Purge all Stalinist Professors.

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The PLO is living proof that Bedouins still fuck their camels.

*** OH NO! - Editor

Rembember Conglo Bay!

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Constitutional Law—very Dry.

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Sex in Batts North is like the War in Vietnam—A hopeless cause.

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Hiss (no, Chambers) lives!

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Catton lives!

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Cubeta wears a toupee.

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What is Tillinghast writing now? Photo by Tom Arcidiacono

Professor Tillinghast has been appointed special advisor to Robison, and has moved his office to the 4th floor men's room in Old Chapel.

Upon taking over as chairman of the History Department, Professor William "Crinklespoon" Catton said, "We'll miss him terribly. I'm a Catton too you know, just like Daddy."

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—Chinese—
Laundromat
No-day Service
Folding and
Stacking-(sort of)
Free Egg Rolls with I.D.
Middlebury Plooza

Middlebury offers many entertainments that don't cost anything. You can go to the barber shop and watch haircuts, or to Calvi's and smell the popcorn, or to the office supply place and play the electric organs, or to The Vermont Book Shop and read books.

I decided on the latter since last week my shoelace got caught in the organ pedal and it sounded like bagpipes playing the 1812 Overture. There were not many customers in the book shop, though enough to stir up motes of dust which danced shimmeringly in the laser-like beams of sunlight. Two kids were fencing with some of those rolled-up posters in the back of the shop hollering "Touch!" at intervals (they do have some nifty posters there, and I buy one occasionally to give me something new in my room to look at). Some students were making a big deal as to which special $3.99 record to buy, each chipping in 50 cents.

Leaning against the cash register was Dike Blair, the so-called "Genial Prop." of the Vermong Book Shop. He has to be careful leaning against the register. One day he leaned too hard and rang up three sales of $999.99, and the bookkeeper almost had kittens. As a matter of fact, she DID have a baby, but had been pregnant since the previous July, so this wasn't too surprising. There was also the time his necktie was stuck in the register, and the register wouldn't open. Customers had to go to the drug store to get the right change. (It's the blue-and-white striped tie with "No Sale" on the bottom stripe.)

Mr. Blair gave himself the title "Genial Prop." because he thought it Created A Good Image, and certainly-while he may not be exactly genial-he never seems angry. That's mainly because he usually is too sleepy to be irritated, even by customers exchanging books or cashing checks.

This afternoon a tall guy came in with a copy of the best-seller **Your Erroneous Zones.** "My girl friend bought this for me thinking it was a sequel to **The Joy of Sex.**" Mr. Blair took his pepe from his mouth and scratched his head with it.

"I'm sure you'd exchange it for me, but instead I think I'll send it to my brother for his birthday. He likes this kind of nonsens. Doesn't do him a bit of good--he gets mixed up and meditates when he should say 'No!' and vice versa, but he'll like this book. Will you mail it for me?" Mr. Blair explained that The Vermont Book Shop will gift-wrap and mail books anywhere, so the guy was very happy.

A tall, dark-haired girl was next. "Mr. Blair, you certainly do have a great collection of classical records here--I always find just what I want! Here are three Mozart records for my roommate. I'm trying to improve her ear."

"Hmm. These should improve BOTH of her ears--they're stereos," Mr. Blair said, blowing smoke out of both his ears, to demonstrate (I suppose). He gift-wrapped the records for her, using so much paper they looked like a square pizza.

An older guy came in the door wearing an old College-reunion badge, its purple ribbon faded almost to white. "Good to be back! Good to see you! I've just finished reading **Roots** and now I'm tracing back **MY** ancestry. Starting with **me.** Some of my happiest moments have been spent here buying books when I was a student back in 1949, the year you opened!" Mr. Blair obviously hoped he'd continue the custom of buying books, but he just went on and on about going back next to his high school, then junior high, etc. I suppose he'll end up back in the womb.

There were no customers now at the counter, so Mr. Blair began to fall asleep. He does this while standing up, and it's fun to watch him doze off, then partly wake up when he must wait on someone. Don't ever ask him to find a book for you when he's half asleep--he won't remember titles, authors or where the book is shelved. As a matter of fact, he isn't any better when he's awake. He has a mind like a steel trap--rusty. A girl who works there said one time she pictures the inside of Mr. Blair's head like a cave. "Dark, and damp with stalactites and stalegmites sticking up or hanging down whatever whicherver it is that they do. Ugh!" Frankly, I don't think this gal knows a cave from a hole in the ground.

I love The Vermont Book Shop. Really, the selection of books and records there is as good as most stores you'll find in the big cities. I know the staff does all the work, but to have such a good book shop in a small town, Mr. Blair must be doing **SOMETHING** right. The question is: WHAT?

WINNER REVEALED: Dean of Students John Spencer was unveiled as the winner of "The Dean of Beer contest held on campus last week. Spencer is shown above, inside the shorts of former British Foreign Minister Lord Caradon, where he had hid for most of the week.

Romantic: Good Reading

Dear Editor:

I find that I am continually perplexed as to why there exists on the Middlebury College campus the bitter and seemingly endless controversy surrounding the publication of the college's fine literary magazine, **Frontiers**. I feel that the argument, along with the malevolent feelings and divisiveness of attitude which characterize it, are not only unbecoming of such a prestigious institution as ours, but that they are quite simply unnecessary.

I for one would like to know why students allow themselves to become so riled over the matter of a litter obscurity. Or perhaps more relevantly stated-since I am writing with specific reference to **Frontiers**- I wonder of anyone could tell me why students are so repulsed by "total obscurity." What is it that the people who criticize **Frontiers** find so horribly wrong with it? That it is pompous? Biased in its selectiveness? That it lacks even the most minute quantity of universality beneath its obscure surface. That it is stupid?

So what, I say. There is already an abundance of excellent poetry available at this college for students to read and appreciate. Our English and American Literature departments offer no less than a score of courses that provide first class instruction in the study of poetry whose greatness spans the ages, from Homer to Shakespeare to Lowell.

Why must we insist that the new poetry made available to us each year by the people in charge of **Frontiers** be worthwhile poetry? Do we, as students living in an academic environment that is already overly demanding, really desire the added burden of having to sit down and interpret a new flood of authentic literature once or twice each year? I think not. And we may thank **Frontiers** for enabling us not to have to do so.

Can you imagine the difficulties everyone would encounter if **Frontiers** were suddenly to improve? Our already overworked literature teaching faculty members would be forced to accomodate their class schedules in order to teach unanticipated new material. Students, being obliged to sit down and carefully analyze each and every word for its possible manifold significance, would lose valuable study and recreation time. And think of the staggering blow that would be dealt Vermont's re-cycle industry.

Fellow Midders, think! Is it truly all that important to us that the portion of our activities fee that is tossed away each year on the publication of **Frontiers** be used in some worthwhile endeavor?

I for one give my total support ot **Frontiers**, to the students who oversee its publication, and to their commitment to preventing any new worthwhile poetry from entering a world that obviously is in no condition to receive it. Furthermore I support the **Frontiers** policy of printing only those poems that have been submitted by members of the magazine's Critical Review Board. I hope that this disciplined and well preserved tradition will not succumb to the demands of any of the complaining, unenlightened souls who apparently do not have perception enough to realize when they have a good thing going.

In an age when mankind has found so many ways to spend so much time saying so little, it is comforting to know that Middlebury College, through means of its literary magazine, is contributing its fair share to the cause, and keeping this institution abreast of the times.

Dark Horsey '79

Tips From Experts

Absurd Baby Murder

By CLARK HINDSIGHT

Due to the new "truth in teaching" legislation, the following Winter Term course descriptions have been corrected.

IUD 6.9 Sociology of the Sex Act Nelson

An examination of mating practices from the Pleistocene to the Present. No experience necessary.

AL 1.9 Professorial Folklore Beck

Mr. Beck will recount some of his favorite personal tales. Prerequisite: A chauvinist attitude.

AL 2.9 The American Wilderness Andersen

Students will join Mr. Andersen in becoming completely lost for the term.

GG 7.9 Travels With Rollie Illick

A complete showing of Mr. Illick's slide collection.

HI 8.9 Civil War Sabotage Techniques Catton

Mr. Catton will imitate students in the application of sabotage techniques to Mr. Peterson's math classes.

PS 9.9 Political Science for the Unintimidated Dry

Prerequisite: Survival of 101 or 102 Friday afternoon discussions.

RE 10.9 Students in the Hands of an Agnostic Gad Ferm

A complete destruction of the Judeo-Christian Heritage.

SA 11.9 Peruvian Travesty Andrews

A critical analysis of the purported irrefragable discovery of an hominoidian knucklewalker in the Peruvian Highlands.

The following courses have been added to satisfy student demands for relevant courses:

BS Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread Mr. Bridges (professor demeritus)

An evaluation of the food service at Middlebury to explain losses in terms of the law of entropy.

EL 4.9 Remedial Grammar Warren

This course will attempt to reconcile the conversational with the conventional prerequisite: rank of Dean or higher.

EL 5.9 Reviewing Poetry Hill and Elder

A toad's trek through principles of poetic review and good taste.

COST-CUTTING MOVES: As part of a new effort to reduce overhead costs at the College, the Faculty will take on additional duties next year. Dean of Sciences Russell Leng (Political Science) is shown above, mopping the bathroom in Old Chapel the morning after the "Dean of Beer" contest.

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Diamond Studs Clobber The Yankees

By JOHN SNOWED—ON

Even a hard line Yankee Fan had to admit it . "Those bums were awful", confessed Jay Shapiro,"even my softball team could have destroyed them!"

Billy Martin brought his high paid and supposedly unbeatable Yankees to Wilson Field last Friday for a "nice, easy little exhibition game". They left, hanging their heads in shame, the victims of a 14-1 beating at the hands of the Middlebury Panthers.

Rob Race got the call to start against Yankee leftie Don Gullet. A fine crowd of 10,867 preppies festooned Wilson field and the surrounding environs to catch a glimpse of the action. Race retired the Yankees in the first, casually fanning Mickey Rivers and Reggie Jackson on curves and fastballs and inducing Roy White to pop up as the crowd went wild.

Gullet was not so lucky. Steve Scheufele slammed his first pitch in to left for a single, stole second, and went to third when Mike O'Hara got a scratch single in the infield. Bob Carroll then got the Panthers all the runs they would need as he launched a Gullet fastball somewhere into the trees in dead center field.

"I started to run after it", commented Yankee centerfielder Mickey Rivers, "but the way that mother was traveling I figured "what's the use" - so I just let it go."

The Panthers scored one more run when Dan Franczek legged out a triple and cscorred on Joe Robitailles sacrifice fly. Gullet then settled down and retired the next two batters on tline drives.

The score stayed at 4-0 until the top of the fourth when the Yankees reached Race for their only run. Mickey Rivers beat out a bunt despite an excellent fielding play by Franczek to give the Yankees their first baserunner.

Rivers then stole second on a disputed play and scored on a bloop single by Roy White. Race then went to work and fanned Jackson ("You can't hit what you can't see", Jackson observed later) and Thurman Munson Robitaille then gunned down White on an attempted steal.

Middlebury got that run back and more in their half of the inning. Mulhern and D'Alisio led off with back to back doubles for one run. Jay Moore grounded a single into right which skipped past Jackson ("I lost it in the sun") putting Moore on third.

Feldenzer singled up the middle, scoring Moore. Holtzman replaced Gullet and retired Scheufele.

Mike O'Hara drilled a single right which eluded Jackson ("I lost that one in the grass..") O'Hara wound up third, from which he scored on Bob Carroll's deep fly to left.

"Iwas playing in the road back there because I respected the way that guy could pull the ball", commented White after the game. Franczek grounded out to end the inning.

Sporting a 9-1 lead Race gave way to Greg Birsky because he didn't want to hog all the fun.

Birsky pitched the next three innings, surrendering a couple of hits while fanning three and walking no one. One victim, the talkative Jackson, spoke favorable on Greg's ability to change speeds and his pinpoint control. Jackson looked ridiculous in whiffing on three pitches in the sixth.

Middlebury's subs took over in the sixth and immediately produced a run, as Luciano Nicasro doubled home Bob Yeadon who had tripled.

Sparky Lyle was brought in to pitch the eighth and was jumped on for the final four runs. Steve (5 hits) Scheufele singled to open the inning. O'Hara, and Carrol then slammed back to back to back doubles. **(this goddamn article is getting pretty boring.....typist's note.)** now where were we Franczek beat out a bunt to put runners on first and third. Dick Tidrow came on and surrendered a sacrifice fly by Don Mulhern produced the third run. Two more singles by Yeadon and Nicasion produced the fourteenth run before Tidrow could escape.

Larry Petzing finished up, pitching the last two innings. T he final out was the most dramatic as he fanned Reggie Jackson with one man on.

After the game Billy Martin, with tears in his eyes, was heard to scream "This team bites." (so does this article...) in the Yankee locker room.

The players were somewhat more philosophical, though Jackson refused to leave the locker room without a bag over his head. Thurman Munson expressed his displeasure by attempting to hit a little kid. Typically, he swung and missed.

The Middlebury players seemed jubilant, yet somewhat disappointed. "I expected a challenge but it was too easy ", explained Bob Race. Greg Birsky agreed, , "I could have pitched the last five innings but I wanted to give Larry (Petzing) a chance. Frankly, I was getting bored."

"I can't believe those guys got so well paid," complained Joe Robitaille,"when all they can do is trip over their wallets."

There are rumors that the Yankee club owner has offered CF Steve Scheufele $1 million to play for his club .

Another unconfirmed rumor was that the club owner offered to buy the whole team but was turned down. He then offered to trade teams, but President Olin Robison considered it an unfair deal for Middlebury, commenting - "Even if their ballplayers were as good as ours, you have to consider that our guys can also read and write. That makes them more valuable."

Yay, Olie.

Thin-clads Trip Out of the Huh?

By JOHN MACKANTWRITE

Last Saturday, the Middlebury College track team played host to six New England rivals. As usual, the Panthers came out on the short end. The big blue managed to place in only two events.

Mark "Pinky"" Efinger finished fourth in the one yard dash with a time of .08 seconds, but the highlight of the day came in the half-mile-egg-in-the-mouth-while-running-through-the-dark race where Shad Moluska took first place in the school record time of 4:21. That record had stood since 1897.

Other than that, the hometeamers were terrible. In the weight events, Dave Parsnips, Ken Parsnip and Mike "No" Brain put on a pathetic show. Although he failed to place, Parsnips did manage to break a carwindow with one of his discus throws.

Mike Knee received a nice round of applause when he nailed Pete Suntan, the unpopular Panther coach, square in the back with his javelin.

Neither Chris Baldchin or Dusty McFishface could get his shot together in the three-pound shit-put.

The Panthers continued their show of incompetence in the sprinting events. Shitrock Johnson was leading the 220 until the gun went off, but he soon fell behind. Mike Rarebird was doing well in the 440 until he took a wrong turn going into the first corner. After Scott Canuckingham finished dead last in the same race, he blamed his performance on his wax. Nonpartisan observers thought he might have been slowed by his cumbersome seven foot long wooden shoes.

Ted "Molasses" Mohlie had a bad day, even for him. After spiking himself in the back during warmups, the big geek was lapped in the half-mile run.

After Pete Horowitski took fifth in the Pollack vault, Greg Martini and Tim Stonewood got blown away in the high jump.

Freshman Tom Hearse was forced to drop out of the three mile run when he got his foot lodged in his mouth.

When asked to comment on his team's performance, Coach Terry Albitch spoke quite candidly, "Yeah, they were terrible, but what can you expect from a hick school like this?"

Classy Pies

Wanted: New or used hearing aid and a Child Psychology book. preferably dealing with the developmental stages of the 18 year old child. Contact Olie in Old Chapel 302.

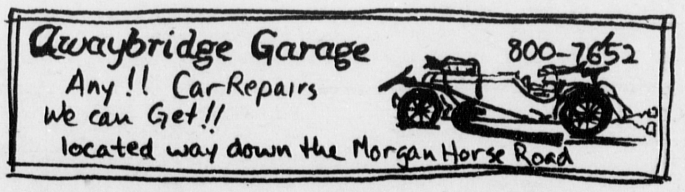
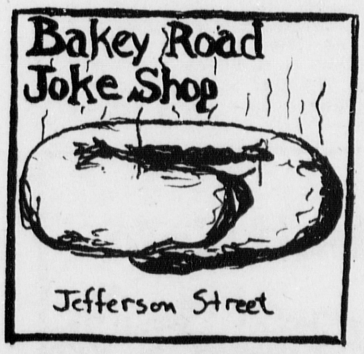
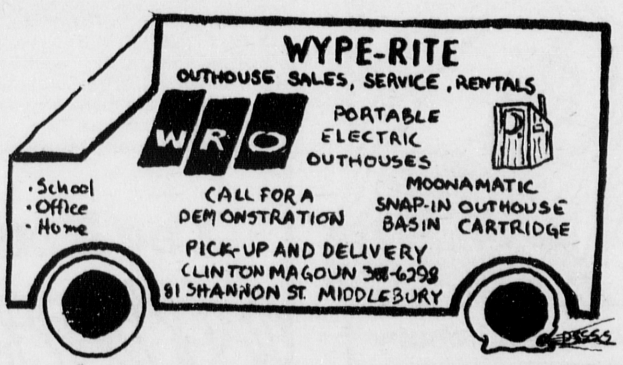
Dear Brad: Bug off. The features editor belongs to posterity (and me).

Oh ye who loveth Michael Harrington. So what? I want a hug.

Wanted: A break. Who do you guys think you are, anyway? Always picking on us. Putting your feet and raisins in our ears. We resign. Fondling yours, the Editors (and managers).

Overheard in the Chateau, a militant French feminist: "Il faut casser des eux pour faire une hommelette."

Will someone help me find my bed? The Woosy-woosy wonder has filled it up with the woman below. See Charlie.

Wanted: An alarm clock for lectures. Contact Drip Dry.

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